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[ISSUE 99]

I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S THE FANCY GIRLS' SCHOOL THREE STATIONS AWAY.
AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL...
URO (WANDER)
URO
HUH? THERE'S A GIRL IN AN UNFAMILIAR UNIFORM OVER THERE.
WHAT SCHOOL IS THAT FROM?

AHH.
THE GIRLS AT THAT SCHOOL AREN'T USED TO GUYS, SO SHE'S GONNA RUN AWAY.
JUST WATCH.
OH!
SHE LOOKED THIS WAY!!!
SHE'S REALLY CUTE!!!

I THOUGHT THE ONLY MEN THEY'D TALK TO ARE, LIKE, TEACHERS ...
HUH ...!? THAT'S WEIRD ...
HEY!!!
SHE'S RUNNING STRAIGHT AT US!!!
TA (DASH)

SO IT'S TRUE ...
... SEN-SEI!?
UM! MAY I ASK YOU A QUES-TION...

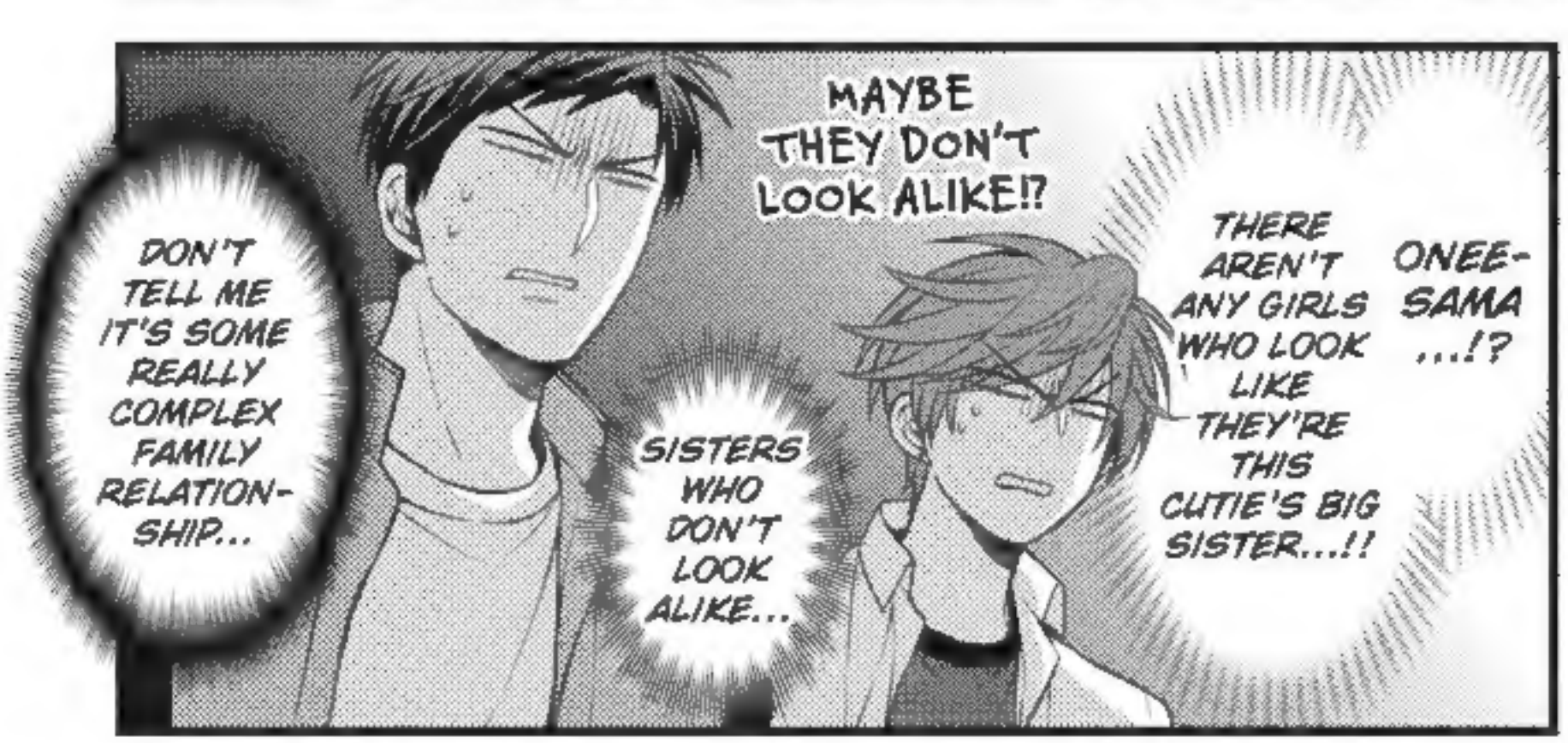
HUH !!?
YOU'RE NOT A TEACHER !!?
O-OH MY.
I'M SO VERY SORRY ...!!!

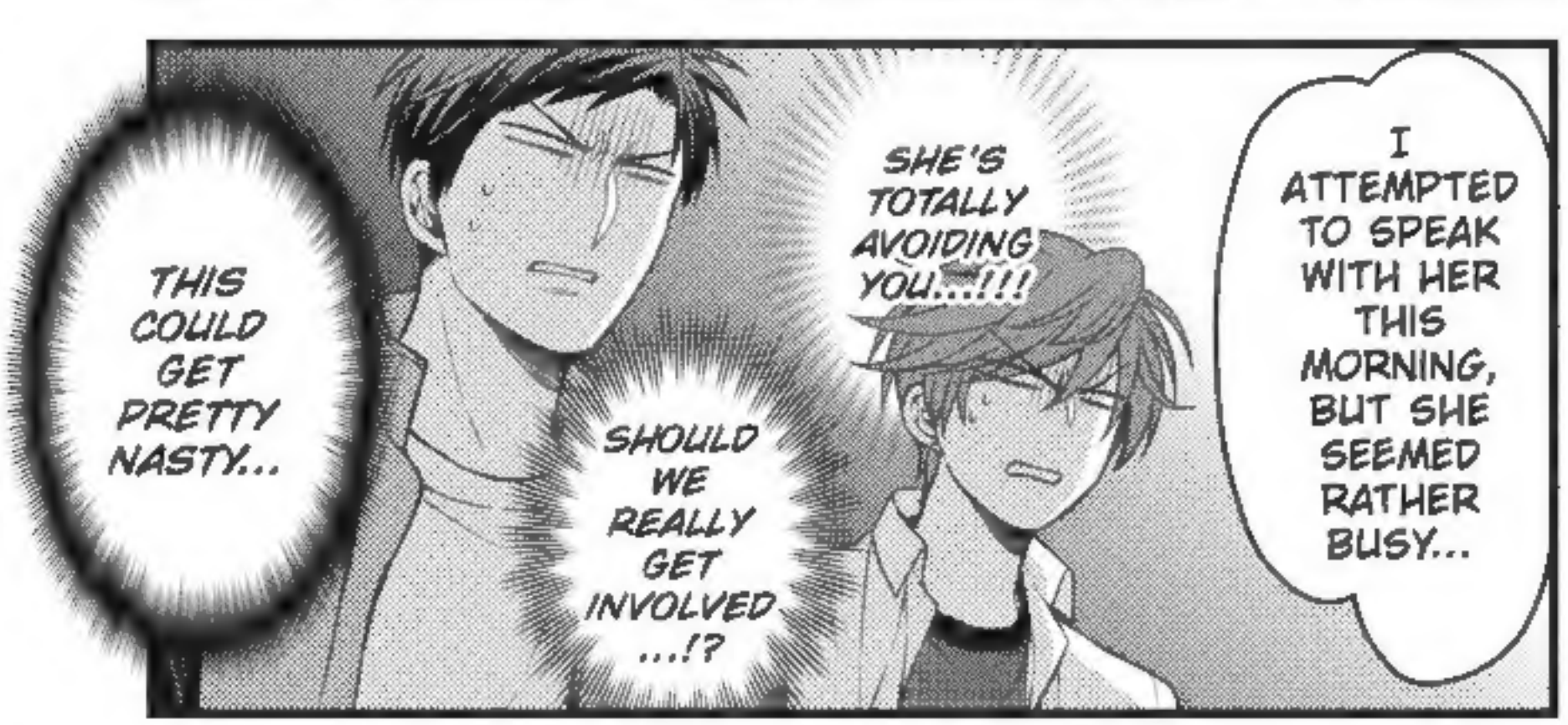
DON'T JUST ACCEPT IT!
YEAH ...
UH ...
MY APOLOGIES.
YOU MUST BE AN ADMINIS-TRATOR!!

PLEASE!!!
DON'T MIND ME. PLEASE CONTINUE !!!
NO, UH I...! ...
HUH?
YOU WERE JUST SCOLDING THIS PERSON, WEREN'T YOU!?
AHH!
AND I EVEN INTERRUPTED WHILE YOU WERE IN THE MIDST OF A CONVERSA-TION...!!!

WHY ARE YOU GOING ALONG WITH IT!!?
JUST FIGHT BACK ALREADY!!!
I'M DISAP-POINTED IN YOU.
MIKOSHIBA... YOU HAVE TO WEAR YOUR TIE PROPERLY!

BUT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND HER...
IN FACT, I CAME IN SEARCH OF MY ONEE-SAMA.


DON'T TELL ME IT'S SOME REALLY COMPLEX FAMILY RELATION-SHIP...
SISTERS WHO DON'T LOOK ALIKE...
MAYBE THEY DON'T LOOK ALIKE!?
THERE AREN'T ANY GIRLS WHO LOOK LIKE THEY'RE THIS CUTIE'S BIG SISTER...!!
ONEE-SAMA ...!?


THIS COULD GET PRETTY NASTY...
SHOULD WE REALLY GET INVOLVED ...!?
SHE'S TOTALLY AVOIDING YOU...!!!
I ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK WITH HER THIS MORNING, BUT SHE SEEMED RATHER BUSY...

SHE'S JUST ANOTHER KASHIMA GROUPIE !!?
KASHIMA-KUUUN! ♡
KASHIMA-KUUUN! ♡
ONEE-SAMAAA! ♡
...IS YUU KASHIMA ...
HER NAME ...

THEY DECIDED TO BRING HER WITH THEM.

YOU SURE IT'S OKAY FOR US TO LET HER IN THE SCHOOL?

HMMM.

SHE'S NOT GONNA BE SCARED OF THE GUYS, IS SHE?

WELL, THAT SCHOOL ONLY HAS UP TO JUNIOR HIGH, SO I'M A LITTLE WORRIED...

...HOW SHE'LL REACT...

OH MY!!!

HE'S CARRYING THAT GIRL'S BAG!!!

I'M GONNA GO DROP OFF THE LOG, SO YOU HOLD THIS.

GOT IT.

UM !!! ARE THE TWO OF THEM DATING !!?

NO... THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF CLASS-MATES...

THIS FRY BREAD IS REALLY GOOD.

IT'S AN AFTER-SCHOOL DATE!!!

BUT AREN'T THE CURRY BUNS BETTER?

THEN THE TWO OF THEM MUST BE DATING !!!

NO... THEY'RE JUST HUNGRY ...

OH!

THOSE TWO ARE GAZING DEEPLY AT EACH OTHER!!!

THEY SIMPLY MUST BE DATING !!!

SHE'S KINDA REACTING THE SAME WAY AN UNPOPULAR GUY WOULD...

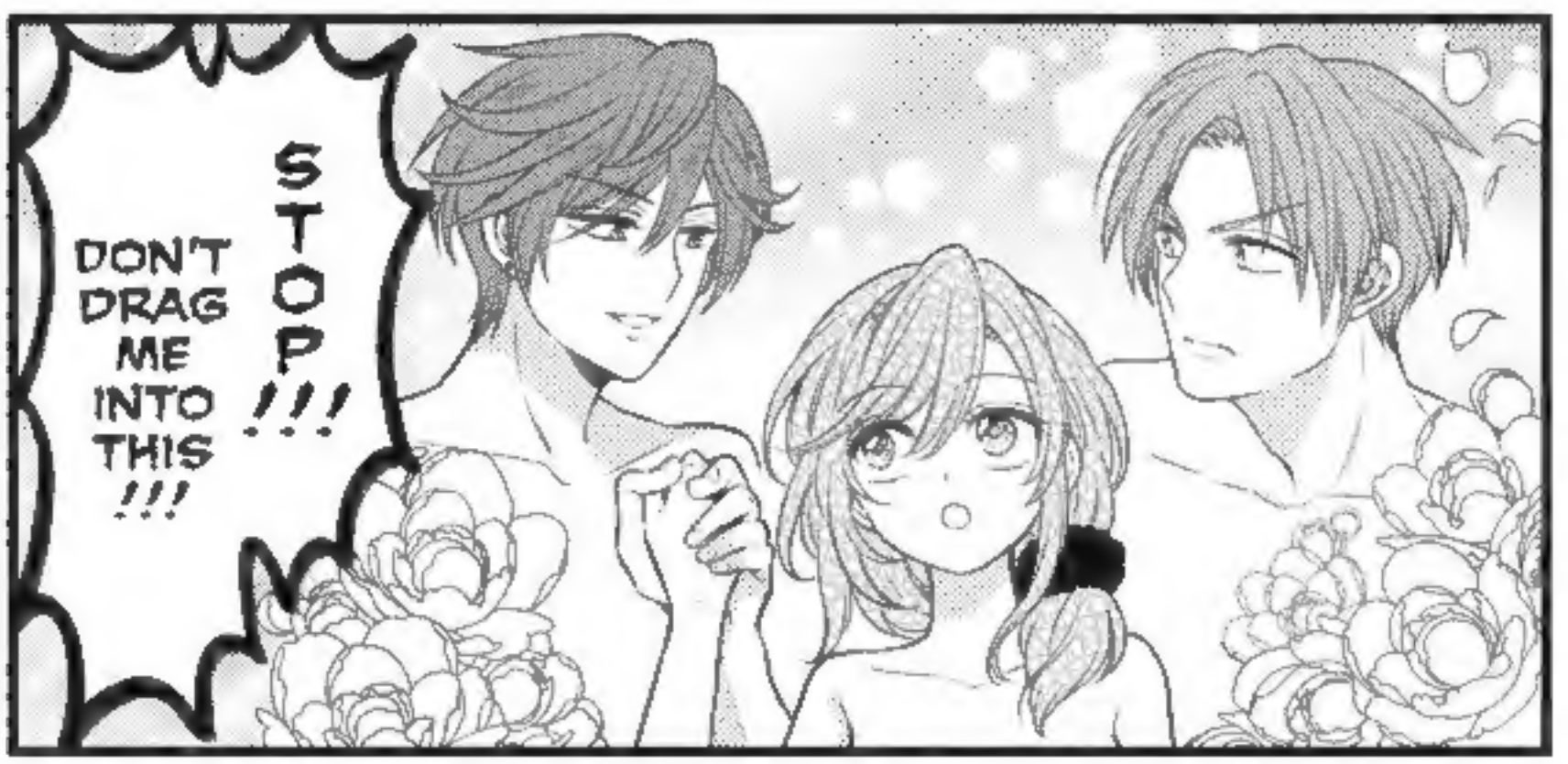
OH MY!!!
BASHI (SMACK)
HEEEY, WAKA!
LET'S HANG OUT!
BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT SHE'LL SAY...
HOW SCANDAL-OUS!!!
SERI-OUSLY...
OH, IT'S WAKA-MATSU AND SEO ...
AHH...
I CANNOT BELIEVE A YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN WOULD BE IN SUCH CLOSE CONTACT...

...BUT ALSO MUST BE IN A PHYSICAL RELATION-SHIP...
...ARE NOT ONLY DATING ...
I IMAGINE THOSE TWO...

HOW SCAN-DALOUS !!!

!!!
HEY!
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM ...!?
POW (PAT)
HUH? WHATCHA DOING?


STOP !!!
DON'T DRAG ME INTO THIS !!!

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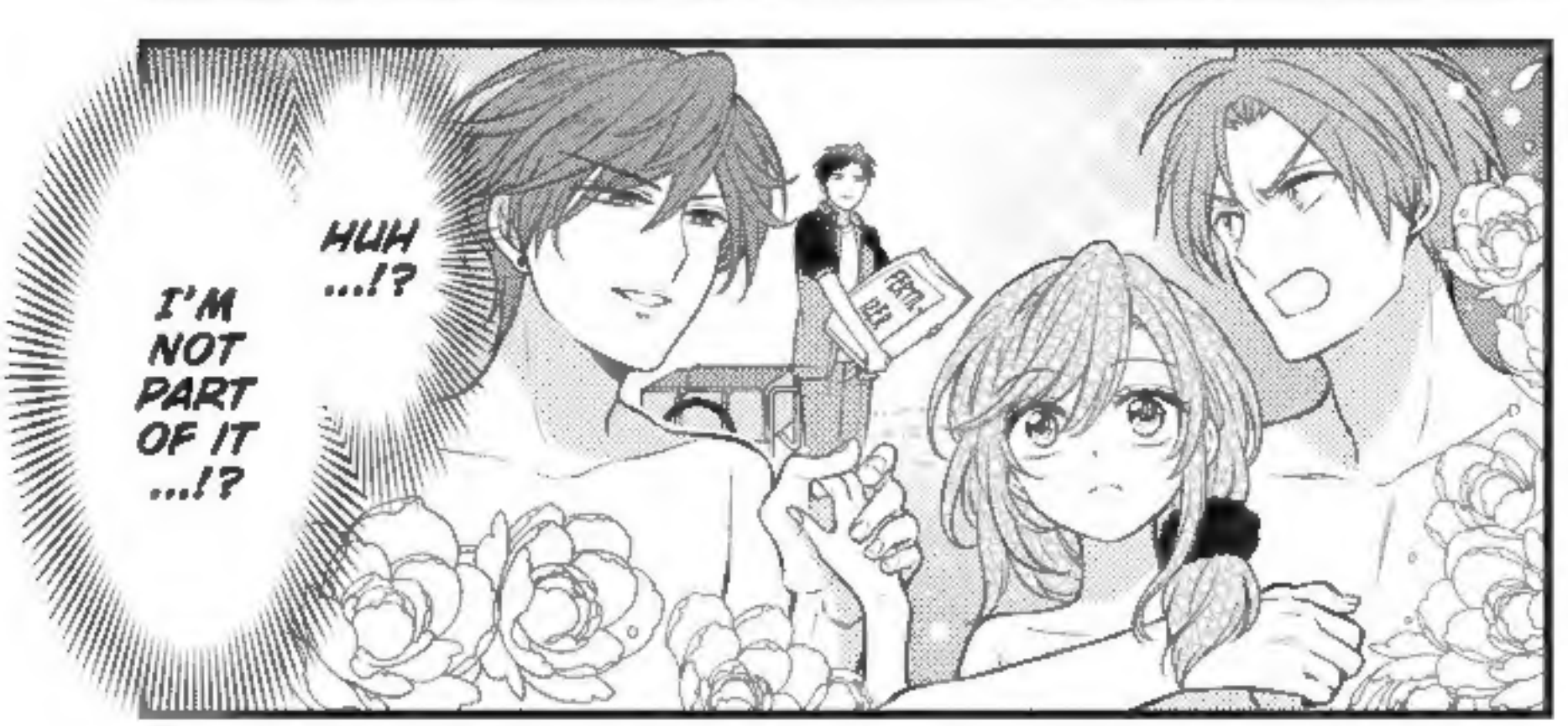
EEK!
ALL RIGHT! TAAG!!
HUH? WHAT? YOU PLAYIN' A GAME?
STOP !!!


HUH ...!?
I'M NOT PART OF IT ...!?

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BUT WHY...?
THAT MUCH IS COMMON SENSE...
YOU MUSTN'T GO AFTER CHILDREN, YOU KNOW.
MISTER ADMINIS-TRATOR, YOU'RE AN ADULT.

...IS WITH A CUTE GIRL ...!!!
NOZAKI-KUN...
WHAT'S GOING ON ...!?

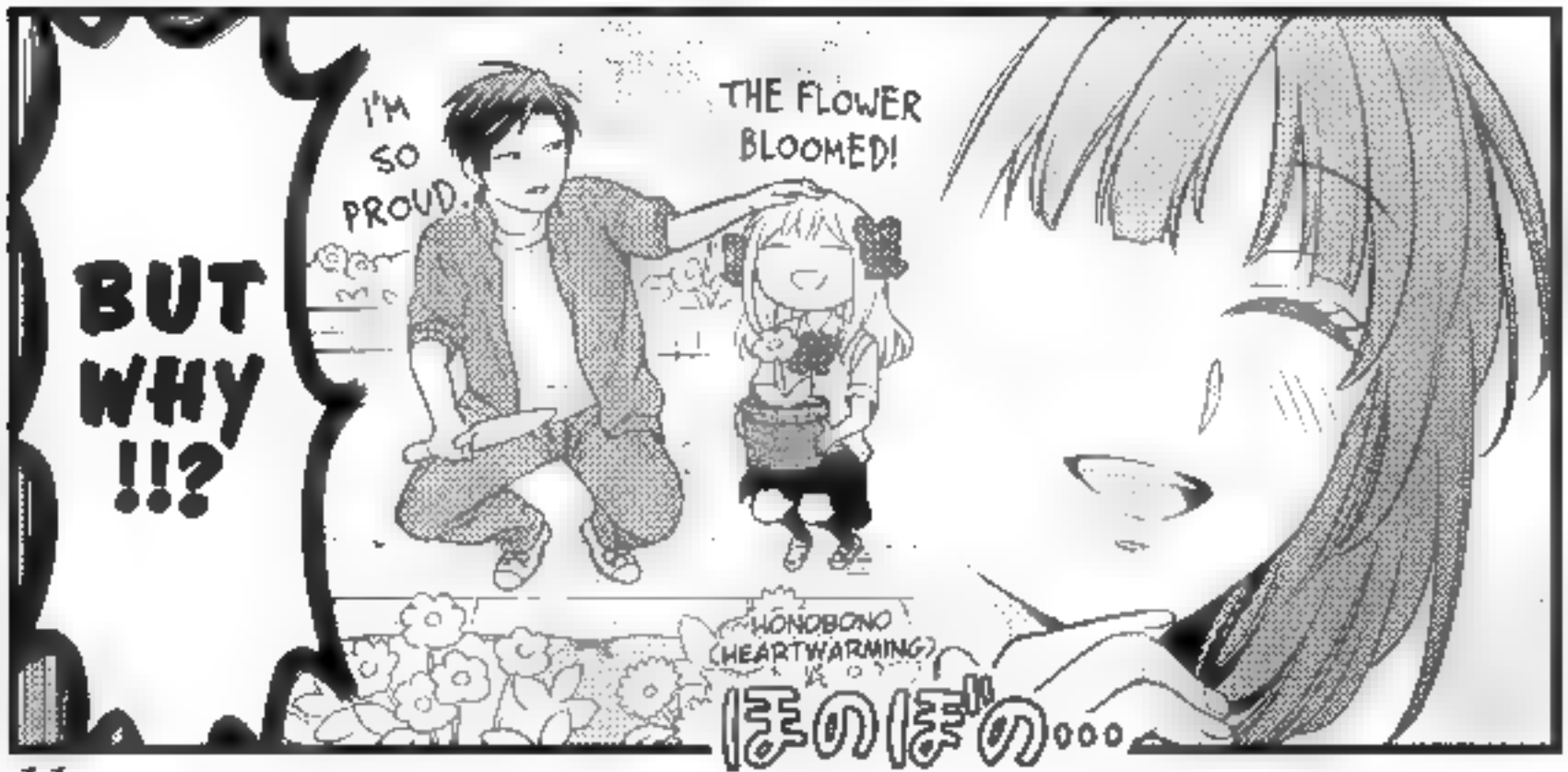
IS HE TELL-ING ME NOT TO INTRUDE ...!?
NO WAY ...
!!!
STAY AWAY !!!
DON'T !!!
SAKU-RA!!!
HAH!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ...!!?
IT JUST LOOKS BAD...!!!
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME A CRIMINAL ...!!!

...SO EVERYONE LOOKS LIKE A COUPLE TO HER...
SHE'S NOT USED TO COED ENVIRON-MENTS BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN AT A GIRLS' SCHOOL SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
I-I SEE ...

!!!
!!
PITA (STICK)
I SEE. I SEE...
SU (SLIDE)
SU
SU
SU

COME ON! COME ON!!!
You can even fantasize about us doing something more extreme !!!
You can imagine flirting !!!
DOKI (BADUMP)
We're a couple!!! A couple !!!
Look !!!


BUT WHY !!?
I'M SO PROUD.
THE FLOWER BLOOMED!
HONOBONO (HEARTWARMING)
ほのぼの...

BOOK: LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ ④ SAKIKO YUMENO

OKAY. I GET IT.

...BUT I CANNOT HELP BUT IDENTIFY WITH MAMIKO AND HER DELICATE, MAIDENLY HEART.

NOT ONLY IS SUZUKI-KUN COOL...

YUMENO-SENSEI'S WORKS ARE SO AMAZING !!!

I GET IT. STOP LOOKING AT ME.

BA (FWOOSH)

YOU'RE REALLY HAPPY.

THIS IS YUMENO-SENSEI, SO I IMAGINE SHE IS USING IT TO FORE-SHADOW SOME MAJOR EVENT IN THE FUTURE...

RIGHT HERE, IN VOLUME ONE.

HOWEVER, IT IS BOTHER-SOME THAT THIS PROMISE, "LET'S GO TO THE AQUARIUM NEXT TIME!♡" HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED YET.

I GET IT. JUST STOP LOOKING AT ME!

BABA

YOU TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THAT.

YOU ARE SAKIKO YUMENO-SENSEI !!?
WHAA-!!?
HE CAME CLEAN.
SHE BE-LIEVED HIM RIGHT AWAY ...!!!
SHE BE-LIEVED HIM ...!!!
I-I LOVE READING YOUR WORK ...!!!
SO ACCEPTING...!!!
... TOUCH-ING MEN'S HANDS WITHOUT A GOOD REASON ...
OH, BUT OUR TEACHERS FORBADE US FROM...
MAY I SHAKE YOUR HAND ...!!?
UM ...!
BUT IT'S LIKE SHE'S TOUCHING SOME-THING DIRTY. THAT'S KINDA RUDE.
RIGHT?
SO SIN-CERE ...!!!
THEN WE SHAN'T TOUCH...
BUT IF I WRAP YOUR HAND IN THIS TOWEL...
GYU (WRAP)
ぎゅっ
ぎゅっ
GYU

AND KASHIMA WON'T GOSSIP WITH ME ABOUT ONE OF HER FANS.

...IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA SEE HER AGAIN.

WELL ...

ISN'T THAT DANGEROUS TO DO WITH A FAN?

JUST TELLING HER LIKE THAT ...?

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

YEAH.

SO, UH, YOUR NAME IS...?

DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT!?

SINCE YOU HAVE THE BOOK WITH YOU.

OKAY, I'LL SIGN THIS FOR YOU.

...KA-SHIMA!

IT'S REI...

NOZAKI'S PERSONAL INFO WAS LATER LEAKED, BY WAY OF KASHIMA.

?

THE LITTLE SISTER !!?

THAT COUPLE FROM EARLIER ...!!!

AHH!

GUI (TUG)

GUI

YOU'RE NOT VERY TALL, ARE YOU?

OHH?

SO YOU'RE KASHIMA'S SISTER?

HEH HEH HEH...

MAKES SENSE FOR A JUNIOR HIGH KID...

...TO BE SCARED OF SEO ...

I GET IT.

I—

I AM SO SORRY...!!! I MUST HAVE BEEN MIS-TAKEN...

HERE— LOOK HARDER!

GUI

GUI

HUH?

WE'RE CLEARLY JUST A SENPAI AND HER KOUHAI!

IN OTHER WORDS ...

... YOU'RE A SENPAI WHO FORCED HER KOUHAI ...

YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING ELSE ...!!!

...INTO A PHYSICAL RELA-TION-SHIP!!

YOU MUST HAVE SOME QUITE EXTREME TASTES!!!

[ISSUE 100]

SHE FOUND HER SIS-TER.
HUH !?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, REI...!!?
THEY REALLY ARE SISTERS ...
I REALLY SHOULD'VE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE I HAD IT THIS MORNING.
I WAS PRETTY BUSY, THOUGH.
UMM...
YOU'RE SO FORGET-FUL.
YOU FORGOT TO BRING YOUR HOUSE KEY WITH YOU.
THEY STILL DON'T LOOK ALIKE...

THE OLDER SISTER'S PRETTY RUDE...
OHHH?
I SEE.
SO NOZAKI'S AN ADMINIS-TRATOR, HMMM...?
NIYA
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NIYA (GRIN)
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THE YOUNGER ONE'S PLENTY RUDE TOO...
ESPE-CIALLY SOMEONE WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OLDER THAN YOU!!
ONEE-SAMA!!! IT IS SIMPLY NOT DONE TO CALL YOUR ELDERS BY NAME LIKE THAT!!!
HONESTLY!

BUT THEY AR E IMPORTAN T

HAH!
OH YES!!! IN THE MAGAZINE, I DO BELIEVE I SAW IT...
UHH ... WELL ... YEAH.
HUH!!? YOU'RE A STUDENT !?

YUMENO-SENSEI!!!
YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, AREN'T YOU!!?
FRESH ONE-SHOT
Real-life high school girl Sakiko Yumeno
IT REALLY IS WRITTEN RIGHT HERE!!!

COME ON, NOZAKI!!! JUST SAY IT!!!
FIRST OF ALL, THAT SELF-PORTRAIT HAS HUGE RINGLETS ...!!!
DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT WHEN NOZAKI IS STANDING RIGHT THERE ...!!?

HE'S WAY TOO WEAK WHEN DEALING WITH FANS!!!
SU (FWISH)
THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH? COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S KASHIMA-KUN?

HER SISTER WANTED TO WATCH REHEARSAL, SO SHE WENT TO GO TALK TO THEM ABOUT IT.

HEE HEE.

SHE REALLY CARES ABOUT HER SISTER.

RIGHT?

THE DRAMA CLUB!

HEY, EVERY-ONE!!!

MY LITTLE SISTER CAME TO VISIT, SO IS IT OKAY IF SHE SITS IN ON REHEARS-AL!?

HUH?

YOUR LITTLE SISTER!?

SURE THING!

I WANNA SEE HER!

GO GET HER!!

REALLY!?

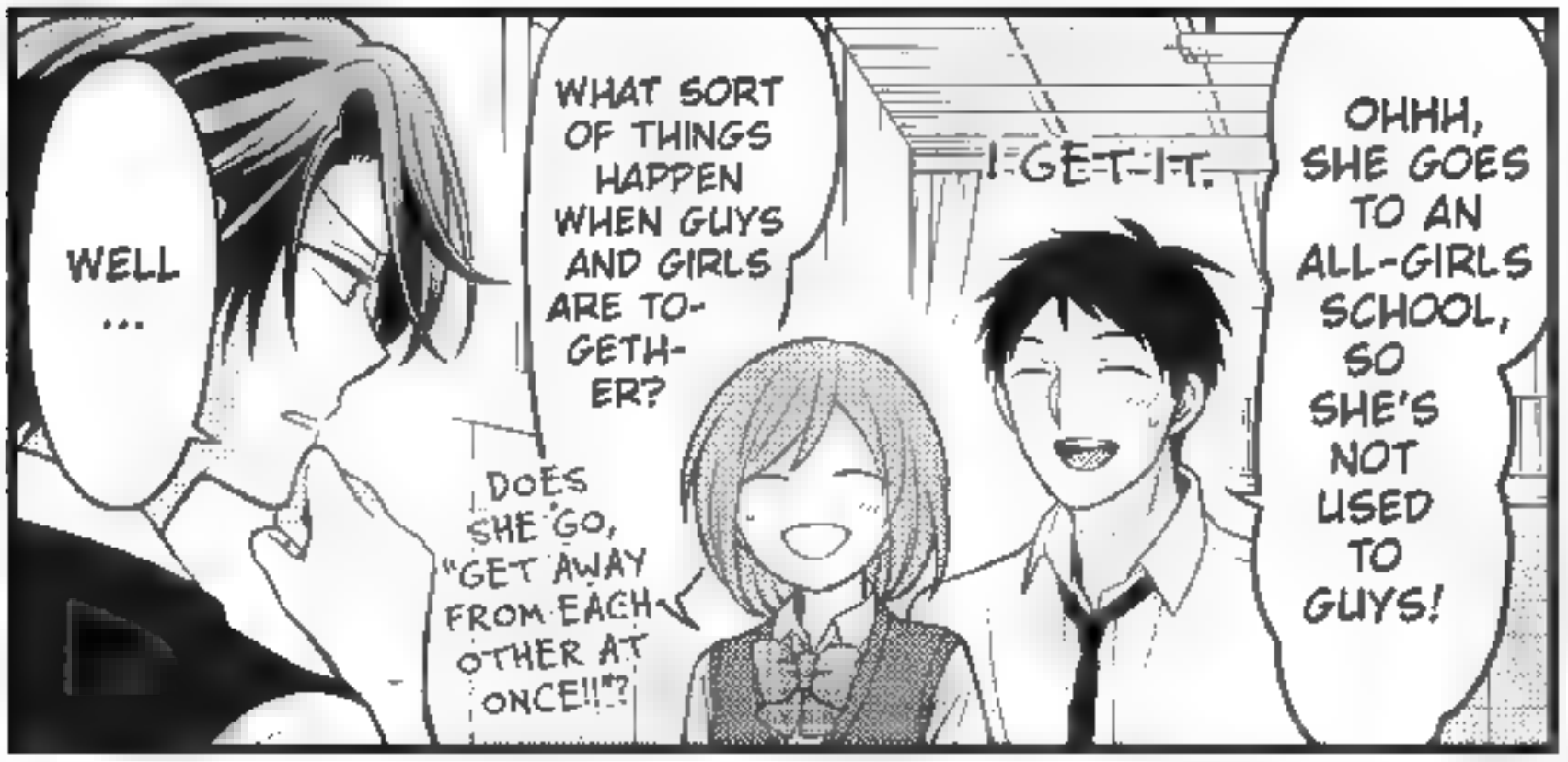
THEN ...

...GUYS, STEP AWAY FROM THE GIRLS.

EITHER THAT, OR HIDE YOUR IDENTITY BY CROSS-DRESSING.

AND MAKE IT BELIEVABLE...

WHAT'S COMING ...!!?


WELL ...
WHAT SORT OF THINGS HAPPEN WHEN GUYS AND GIRLS ARE TO-GETH-ER?
DOES SHE GO, "GET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER AT ONCE!!"?
I GET IT.
OHHH, SHE GOES TO AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL, SO SHE'S NOT USED TO GUYS!

I-INDE-CENT ...!!?
SHE GETS SOME PRETTY INDECENT THOUGHTS.

YOU SAY, COUPLE, BUT I BET IT'S JUST THEM HOLDING HANDS!
I DON'T THINK A PROPER LITTLE LADY'S IMAGINA-TION IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!!
OHH!! THAT KINDA THING!!
JUST SEEING A GUY AND GIRL TOGETHER MAKES HER TREAT THEM LIKE A COUPLE...
SHE MAKES UP FOR NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE REAL WORLD WITH AN OVERACTIVE IMAGINA-TION...
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

A WEIRDO IS COMING!!!
WITH JUST FLOWERS.
THEY'RE ALL PRETTY MUCH NAKED.

My name is Rei Kashima.

I apologize for intruding on such short notice.

THE KASHIMA BLOODLINE RUNS TRUE, HORI-CHAN!!!

DON'T LOOK AT ME.

WHOOOOA!!

SHE'S REALLY CUTE!!!

SHE'S CUTE !!!

WHOOOOA!!

SHE'S TOTALLY KA-SHIMA-KUN'S SISTER !!!

EVERY MOVE SHE MAKES IS GOR-GEOUS !!!

WOW!!!

... YES ... ONEE-SAMA.

SUSU

SU- (WISH)

OKAY, REI. YOU SIT HERE.

SHE REALLY IS KASHIMA-KUN'S SISTER...

WE CAN'T HAVE YOU WANDERING AROUND.

GOT IT?

LIS-TEN UP. YOU HAVE TO STAY RIGHT HERE. NO GETTING UP AND WALKING AROUND ON A WHIM.

...I MIGHT FIND A BOY ONEE-SAMA IS INTER-ESTED IN...
KYORO (GLANCE) きょろ...
OH YES. PER-HAPS AT THE DRAMA CLUB...

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JI (STARE)
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WAI
わい
WAI
わい
WAI (CHATTER)

I KNOW !!
!
OKAY!
GO STAND OVER THERE.

I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING!!!
WHY ME !!?
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CHIRA (PEEK)
IT MUST BE THIS PERSON ...!!!

IN WHICH CASE, HER PARTNER ...

...IS LIKE A COOL, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN...

AFTER ALL, ONEE-SAMA ...

...BUT HE'S STILL A GUY...

HE'S SMALL ...

I'LL ... PRO-TECT YOU!!

I— I'M A GUY !!!

...MUST BE A PRETTY BOY WHO IS HER EXACT OPPOSITE. ♡

THEY NEED TO BE RIVALS ...!!

I'M GONNA GET TALLER THAN YOU. JUST WAIT!!

YOU CAN LEAN ON ME JUST FOR NOW.

GUSU (SNIFFLE)

EH?...

DAM-MIT ...!!

WE'RE BOTH THE SAME HEIGHT AGAIN.

OR THEY BOTH NEED TO BE VERY AWARE OF EACH OTHER.

WHA...? I KINDA FEEL LIKE I'M ON THE AWAY TEAM...

YOU HAVE THE BEST TASTE !!!

I TO-TALLY GET IT!!!

THOSE TWO ARE PLAYING LOVERS.
HOW WON-DER-FUL!!
THE RE-HEARSAL HAS BEGUN!!
OH!! BUT LOOK AT THAT, YUMENO-SENSEI !!!
I SEE.
...TO WATCH-ING HIS LOVE SCENE.
IN ADDITION, THAT IS THE FACE OF SOME-ONE WHO WANTS TO SEE HOW SHE REACTS...
IT'S GOT TO BE!
FOR SOME TIME, HE HAS BEEN GLANCING IN HER DIRECTION!
...HAS FEELINGS FOR THE GIRL SITTING IN THE BACK.
STILL, I DO BE-LIEVE THAT BOY...

IN A SLINKY NEGLI-GEE ...!!!
Yeah, she sneaks into his bed-room ...
SHE SNEAKS INTO HIS BEDROOM, DOES SHE NOT!?
Then, under all that pressure, she finally makes her move!!

HOW ...?
IT'S A BIT, YOU KNOW...
...IS THIS EROTICA ...?

I...
I SHOULD JOIN IN TOO ...!!!
WHAT DO I DO...? THEY'RE GETTING REALLY INTO IT...

THEY'LL ALWAYS PREFER BEING JUST FRIENDS.
LOVE WILL NEVER BLOOM BETWEEN THOSE TWO.
NOT THOSE TWO.
REALLY CLOSE!!
HMM, THOSE TWO LOOK PRETTY CLOSE, DON'T THEY!?

BUT INDEED, THAT HAS ITS OWN APPEAL.
THEIR NATURES WILL ALWAYS CLASH...
THEY'RE SUPER-INCOM-PATIBLE.
THEY'LL NEVER GET ALONG.
SOMETHING LIKE, "IT WAS A TOTAL MISUNDERSTANDING!"
THOSE TWO LOOK LIKE THEY DON'T GET ALONG!! BUT I BET THEY'LL FIND COMMON GROUND SOON!!
OH!
THE AESTHETICS OF PARALLEL LINES.

LOOKS LIKE HER WIN...
ORO (PANIC)
ORO
ORO
ORO
PIII (SOB)

... ONEE-SAMA IS CLOSE TO!?
PLEASE— COULD YOU TELL ME WHICH OF THESE BOYS...
GUSU (SNIFFLE)
YOU THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER ...?
OH YES.
THERE IS SOME-THING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, SAKURA-SENPAI...

HE IS RATHER SHORT, YOU CAN HARDLY CALL HIM A PRETTY BOY...
HOW ODD...
THAT'S GOT TO BE THE PRESIDENT, HORI-SENPAI.
.....
IS THAT IT?
HE SEEMS FAIRLY STRAITLACED TOO...

MIGHT I ASK ONE MORE FAVOR ...!!?
SA-KURA-SAMA!!
NO...!!! EVEN SO, THIS IS THE DRAMA CLUB!! PERHAPS ...!!!

HURH !!?
GI (GLARE)
"ARE YOU GOOD AT CROSS-DRESS-ING?"
... SHE ASKS.
INTER-PRETING
UM... SENPAI ...

...THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO PREVENT ME FROM ACCEPTING HIM AS HER PARTNER ...!!!
A BEAUTY IN MEN'S CLOTHING
A LOVELY YOUNG MAN
YES... IF HE SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE A SKILLED CROSS-DRESSER ...
BESHI (SMACK)
OOF!
WHAAA—?
SO YOU REALLY DO WANT TO WEAR GIRLS' CLOTHES AFTER A—?
I SUPPOSE I WILL BE SLIGHTLY LONELY IF I LOSE MY PRECIOUS ONEE-SAMA, BUT...
.....
.....
.....
...OH.
WHOOPS.
DO (THUD)
YOU SURE YOU SHOULD JUST IGNORE THAT!!?
YOU KNOW, YOUR SISTER'S ON THE FLOOR!!!
...SO...
...DOES WOMEN'S CLOTHING SUIT YOU?

YOU'VE GOT YOUR DIGNITY AS THE OLDER SIBLING TO WORRY ABOUT...

NO, IT'S OKAY.

SORRY FOR DOING THAT IN FRONT OF YOUR SISTER ...

.....

THAT'S JUST THE WINGS!!!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I SEE A COUPLE IN THE SHADOWS...!!!

OH!!!

TA (TMP)

TA

TA

WHAT IS WITH YOUR SISTER ...?

SHE WOULD'VE STRIPPED US NAKED ...

I'M PRETTY SURE IT WOULD'VE BEEN WORSE FOR US IF YOU HAD PET MY HEAD OR SOME-THING...

HUH? OH, YOU'RE RIGHT...

THAT HAIR-STYLE...

WHAT EVEN IS THAT?

SPEAKING OF NOZAKI, WHAT'S WITH THE WEIRD HAIR...?

HE'S SO BIG...

BUT Y'KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D GET FRIENDLY WITH NOZAKI...

WHAT IS WITH YOUR SISTER ...!?

A GIRL WITH PIGTAILS ...

...SHE THINKS HE'S A GIRL...

MAYBE ...

BOX: DRAMA CLUB MAKEUP

SAKURA-SENPAI'S APPEAL

YEAH.

...IS WHAT I SAID EARLIER ...

THAT ...

THEY'LL ALWAYS PREFER BEING JUST FRIENDS.

LOVE WILL NEVER BLOOM BETWEEN THOSE TWO.

THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE THAT FRIENDSHIP WILL SLIP OVER THE LINE AND BECOME SOME-THING MORE!!!

BUT EVERYWHERE I LOOK, THERE ARE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN!!

I MAY HAVE GOTTEN SLIGHTLY CARRIED AWAY SINCE I ARRIVED HERE!!!

SAKURA-SAMA ...!!!

HAH!

GUI (TUG)

GUI

... NOZAKI-KUN!!?

RIGHT ...

THAT'S RIGHT !!!

I WASN'T BEGGING FOR CANDY!!!

IF IT PLEASES YOU.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME CANDY, I HAPPEN TO HAVE SOME WITH ME.

WAH!
... ACTUALLY PREFER HER...!!!
HE MUST ...
HORI-SENPAI GOT ALL FLUSTERED LOOKING AT MY CUTE LITTLE SISTER...
HUH ?
SORRY!
WE CAN STILL DO IT NOW. LET'S TRY!
JUST WAIT!
ME TOO.
THAT'S KINDA WHAT I WAS HOPING WOULD HAPPEN.
THANKS !!!
YOU.
AND WHO'S COOLER !!?
YOUR SISTER.
... WHO'S CUTER !!?
BE-TWEEN ME AND REI...
SENPAI ...!!
... THOSE TWO COMPETE ... IN COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT FIELDS...
IT'S NOT EVEN A COMPETITION...
GOING HOME.

[ISSUE 101]

WE'RE GONNA BE WORKING RIGHT UP UNTIL THE DEADLINE.
I MESSED UP ON MY TIME MANAGE-MENT.
SOR-RY.
SAT-URDAY AFTER-NOON
IS THE BETA ALL DONE?
OKAY !!!
AND, WAKA-MATSU, APPLY ALL OF THE TONE!!!
SO, MIKOSHIBA, TAKE CARE OF THE FLOWERS AND DECORA-TIONS!
SAKURA, THAT'S WAY TOO OBVIOUS ...!!!
IT MIGHT TAKE ALL NIGHT !!!
I MIGHT NEED TO STAY OVER!!!
OH, THERE LOOKS LIKE A LOT THIS TIME!
THIS COULD BE BAD!!!
SHE DIDN'T SEEM ALL THAT UP FOR IT...
THE BETA WAS DONE YESTER-DAY...
BY SAKURA.
YOU FORGOT PARTWAY THROUGH, DIDN'T YOU, SAKURA !!?
...THE LAST PAGE ...!
UGH...
THIS IS...
...ONCE SHE GOT STARTED, IT WENT BY PRETTY QUICKLY. THAT'S A RELIEF.
BUT ...

SEN-PAI ...
...ARE YOU OKAY?
THIS IS REALLY TIRING...
WHAT PART OF THE FLOWER AM I EVEN DRAWING...?
UTSURO (DAZED)
WE'VE BEEN WORKING SINCE THE AFTER-NOON.
MID-NIGHT

WHY DO YOU EVEN PLAY BASKET-BALL?
I'M REALLY GOOD AT SITTING IN ONE SPOT AND DOING WORK LIKE THIS !!!
YEAH !!!
WAKA-MATSU, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE...
I GUESS YOU ARE AN ATHLETE, AFTER-ALL.

UHHHH, UMMM...
HUH!? SOME-THING TO AMP YOU UP!!?
THAT'S AN ORDER FROM YOUR SENPAI!
OKAY, SINCE YOU'RE FEELING SO GREAT, YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO KEEP ME AMPED-UP TOO.

SEEING A BUNNY DUDE ISN'T GONNA GET ME AMPED-UP!!!

THE SKIMPY BITS JUST PISS ME OFF EVEN MORE!!!

BUNNY GIRL

BUT I THOUGHT YOU LIKED THIS SORT OF THING ...!!!

HUH!?

SCREW THAT!!

WHY BUNNY EARS !!?

BUT EVEN NAKED, MAMIKO'S STILL...

AWWW ...

COME ON, DON'T SAY THAT.

HALF NAKED

IT'S THE APPEAL OF SOMEONE BEFORE THEY GET DRESSED.

I'LL GIVE YOU THIS ROUGH SKETCH OF MAMIKO, THEN.

NAH... BUT IF I DO THIS HERE... YEAH...

HMM...? IS THIS REALLY APPEAL-ING ...?

YEAH ...

.....

ONLY I'VE SEEN MAMIKO WITH THIS SORT OF APPEAL BEFORE, BUT I'LL LET YOU HAVE A BIT OF IT TOO ...

YOU REALLY ADDED A LOT, DIDN'T YOU?

SHE'S REALLY FLIRTY.

HI!

HERE... NOW THIS IS APPEALING, RIGHT?

SUTOOON (TA-DAA)
ストーン
...SO THIS IS KINDA THROW-ING ME OFF...
I ALWAYS SEE HER IN HER SCHOOL UNIFORM ...
SHAKA
しゃか
SHAKA (SKRITCH)
しゃか
...SPEAK-ING OF WHICH ...

...EVERY-ONE!
GOOD MORN-ING...

I'VE GOT BIG NEWS, MAMIKO!!

...DON'T LIKE YOU...!!
WE JUST ...

SORRY. I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO BE NICE, BUT JUST STOP, MIKO-SHIBA.
I DON'T NEED FLOWERS THERE.

3:00 A.M.

I'M NOT TIRED ANYMORE, BUT I'M KINDA FED UP WITH THIS...

YEAH, I KNOW.

MY FOCUS ...

I THINK-I'M STARTING TO LOSE IT...

THEN HOW ABOUT I MAKE US A SNACK?

HUH? UH, THANKS ...

...NO-ZAKI!

SUKU (STAND)

SORRY TO MAKE YOU STOP WORKING, SENPAI.

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WERE CONCENTRATING.

MINIMUM 2 HOURS TO MAKE

SPECIAL ♥ DINNERS

HEY... HE'S THE MOST FED UP WITH IT...!!!

WE HAVE TO STOP HIM ...!!!

HE'S GONNA BE COOKING FOR TWO HOURS!

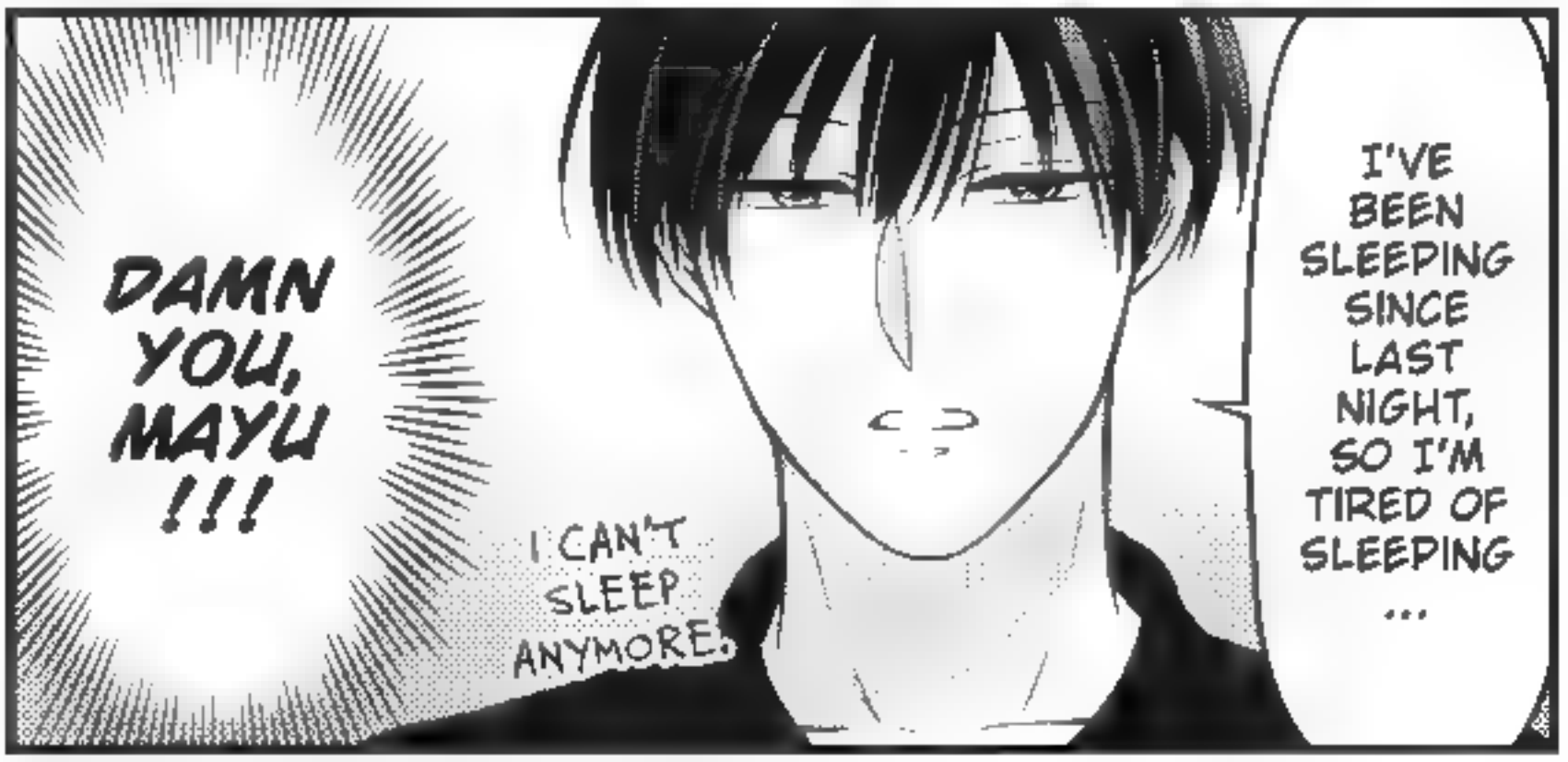
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM ...!!!

THIS ISN'T LIKE STUDY-ING FOR A TEST!!!
PULL YOURSELF TO-GETHER !!!
THIS IS THAT.
YOU KNOW HOW SOMETIMES YOU WANT A CHANGE OF SCENERY WHEN YOU'RE STUDYING FOR A TEST?
THIS IS WORSE!!
HE'S BEEN IN THERE !!?
SINCE WHEN!?
MAYU-KUN !!?
スパーン
SUPAAAN (FWOOSH)
I BROUGHT MAYU HERE FOR SOME-THING LIKE THIS.
CALM DOWN.
BUT YOU KNOW, HE DOES KINDA FEEL LIKE SOME SORT OF ULTIMATE WEAPON ...!!!
IS HE A REALLY GOOD ARTIST OR SOME-THING!?
WAIT— SO HE'S OUR PINCH HITTER !!?
OKAY, MAYU.
GATA (CLATTER)
HE'S HERE TO CHANGE THE SCENERY !!?
YOU TAKE THAT END.

GUESS THAT'D MAKE IT HARD FOR ANY-THING TO SEEM FRESH ...
WELL, I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THREE DAYS STRAIGHT, SO IT'S JUST A LITTLE MUCH...
I'M SICK OF IT.
Y'KNOW, IT'S WEIRD TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS, NOZAKI.

WHAA ...?
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D EVER PLAY ALONG WITH THAT...
WHY DON'T YOU TEACH MAYU-KUN HOW TO DO IT WHILE YOU KEEP WORKING?
I KNOW! IT FEELS FASTER IF YOU TEACH IT TO SOME-ONE ELSE.

YOU MEAN... HE'S WILLING TO IGNORE HOW MUCH OF A HASSLE IT IS TO HELP OUT HIS BROTHER ...!!?
WHAT A GOOD BROTHER ...!!!
WHAT ...!!?
...I'LL DO IT
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH ME...
...NO.


DAMN YOU, MAYU !!!
I CAN'T SLEEP ANYMORE.
I'VE BEEN SLEEPING SINCE LAST NIGHT, SO I'M TIRED OF SLEEPING ...

I USE A G PEN AND A MAPPING PEN.

OKAY, SO I'LL SHOW YOU HOW I INK.

MAPPING PEN

EASILY DRAWS THIN LINES

CAN DRAW STRONG LINES WITH VARIABLE WIDTHS

G PEN

WELL, ONCE YOU GET USED TO DOING IT, YOU CAN EVEN DO FINE LINES LIKE THESE ONES!!

REALLY ...!!? !!

THAT'S REALLY COOL, NII-SAN.

SHA (SKRITCH)

I USE THE G PEN TO DRAW THE THICK LINES HERE ON THE EDGES.

TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT YOUR BIG BROTHER WHILE HE WORKS!!!

LOOK AT ME MORE!!! LOOK AT YOUR BIG BROTHER !!!

SHAKA

SHAKA

SHAKA (SCRATCH)

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I FEEL A SORT OF ADMIRING LOOK I'VE NEVER GOTTEN FROM HIM BEFORE ...!!!

WOW ...!!!

WAY TO GO, NII-SAN.

YOU'RE REALLY GOOD, NII-SAN.

you're really good Nii-san.

way to go, Nii-san.

SHAKA

SHAKA

SHAKA

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ANYWAY, I THINK I'LL WORK ON SOME TONE.
I'M DONE WITH THE FLOWERS.
HE'S PRETTY SIMPLE, AFTER ALL...
SHAKI
SHAKI
SHAKI (SKRITCH)
HE'S BACK, SEN-PAI!!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ME ALL RILED UP WITH THAT ACT, YOU KNOW!
I'M NOT LIKE NOZAKI!!!
HA HA HA!
MIKO-TO-SAN. YOU CAN DO OTHER THINGS THAN DRAW FLOW-ERS?
That's really cool, Nii-san.
YOU HOLDING A BLADE SUITS YOU, MIKOTO-SAN.
HA HA HA!
I SAID IT'S NOT GONNA WORK ...
IT'S NOT JUST FLOWERS BUT TONE TOO!
YOU KNOW, THAT REALLY IS COOL!
WAY TO GO, MIKOTO-SAN.
I FAL-TERED ...!!!
SOWA (QUIVER)
HUH ...?
R— REALLY ...?

KYAA!
... glorious blade work, my koubai!!
All right! Just sit back, shut up, and watch Mikoshiba-sempai's ...

JI
.....
.....
JI (STARE)
SHAKI
SHAKI
SHAAAA (FWIISH)

WHOOA!
THAT'S AMAZING, SENPAI!!!
WAY TO GO, MIKOTO-SAN.
KICCHIRI (PERFECT)
WELL...!? ISN'T IT GOR-GEOUS !?
JAAAN (TA-DAAA)

DON'T STAY QUIET ABOUT THAT!!!
SE-64
THIS ONE!!!
BUT NAKATANI-KUN'S HAIR IS SUPPOSED TO BE TONE NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR.

YOU LAY DOWN A SHEET OF PAPER AND RUB IT AFTER APPLYING TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T COME OFF.
GOSHI (RUB)
GOSHI
PRESS ...
...THE TONE ...?
?
I KNOW! YOU'RE STRONG, SO YOU CAN PRESS THE TONE!!

I SEE ...
IT'S PRETTY TIRING, SO IT SHOULD HELP WITH STRENGH TRAINING, YOU KNOW.
TAKE IT ALL OFF
ALMOST GONE
IT'S EASIEST TO USE ONE OF THE BACKING SHEETS ONCE ALL THE TONE IS GONE FROM IT.
BECAUSE THEY'RE SMOOTH.

TOUGH DOING IT SITTING DOWN, HUH!?
AH HA HA!
MOZO (FIDGET)
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MOZO
もぞ
HE IS AN ATHLETE, AFTER ALL ...
WELL ...
YEAH, YEAH. LIKE THAT!
.....
GOSHI
YOU'RE DOING GREAT.
GOSHI

...PUT-TING DOWN A LOAD ...!!!
NO... HE'S ...
HE'S DOING A SQUAT!!

THE ELF DID HIS BEST

5:00 A.M.

I GOTTA GET SOME SLEEP.

ふわぁ FUWAAA (YAAAWN)

I'LL KEEP GOING WHEN I GET UP.

GOOD NIGHT, SENPAI.

OH. THANKS, YOU TWO.

8:00 A.M.

ゴト GO (THUD)

I SOME-HOW... MAN-AGED ...

.....

...TO FINISH ...INK- ... ING...

JUST THE TONE NOW...

.....

2:00 P.M.

IT'S ALL DONE !?

HUH !?

YOU COULD'VE WOKEN US UP, NOZAKI-SENPAI ...!!!

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG, MAYU?

HUH !?

YOUR LEGS HURT !?

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING!?

THE ELF'S FOOD

WHAA...?

AN ELF WHO FINISHED PUTTING ON TONE ...?

WHEN YOU PUT MILK BY THE WINDOWSILL, THE ELVES COME HELP YOU!!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN ELVES !!!

IT'S ...

STILL, WHO DID THIS?

... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?

MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI ...

...?

REALLY!

I'M PRETTY SURE WE'D REALIZE IF SHE WAS HERE!

AH HA HA.

WELL... I FIGURED SAKURA MIGHT BE HIDING SOME-WHERE...

BUT SHE'S NOT HERE.

SENPAI, ISN'T THAT NOZAKI-SENPAI'S UNDER-WEAR...!!?

HA HA HA ...

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...IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO TELL WAKA, "I'M LORELAI!"...

I THINK ...

SO I FIGURE I SHOULD JUST TELL HIM AND GET EVERYTHING OUT IN THE OPEN.

I'VE ALREADY HAD A BUNCH OF FUN WITH IT.

WELL...

I ALMOST SAID IT BY ACCIDENT THE OTHER DAY.

WHA ...!!?

HUH...? SENPAI'S LORELAI-SAN...?

? ?

LORELAI-SAN'S SENPAI...?

I GUESS HE'LL BE PRETTY CONFUSED AT FIRST ...

WELL ...

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT HE'LL DO IF YOU JUST TELL HIM THAT...?

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT !!!

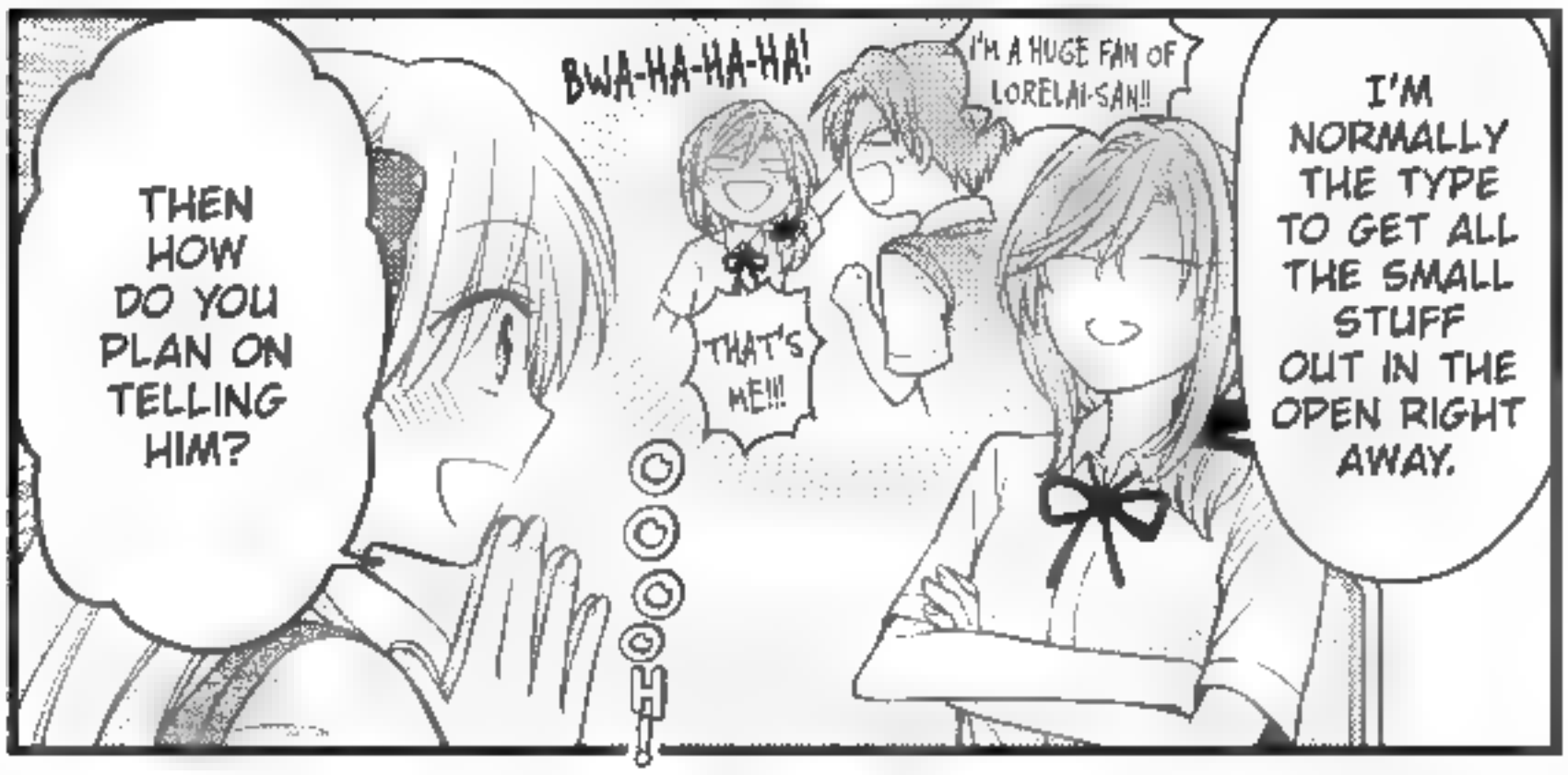
DOESN'T IT FEEL LIKE THAT WAKA-MATSU IS COM-PLETELY HIDING FROM REALITY?

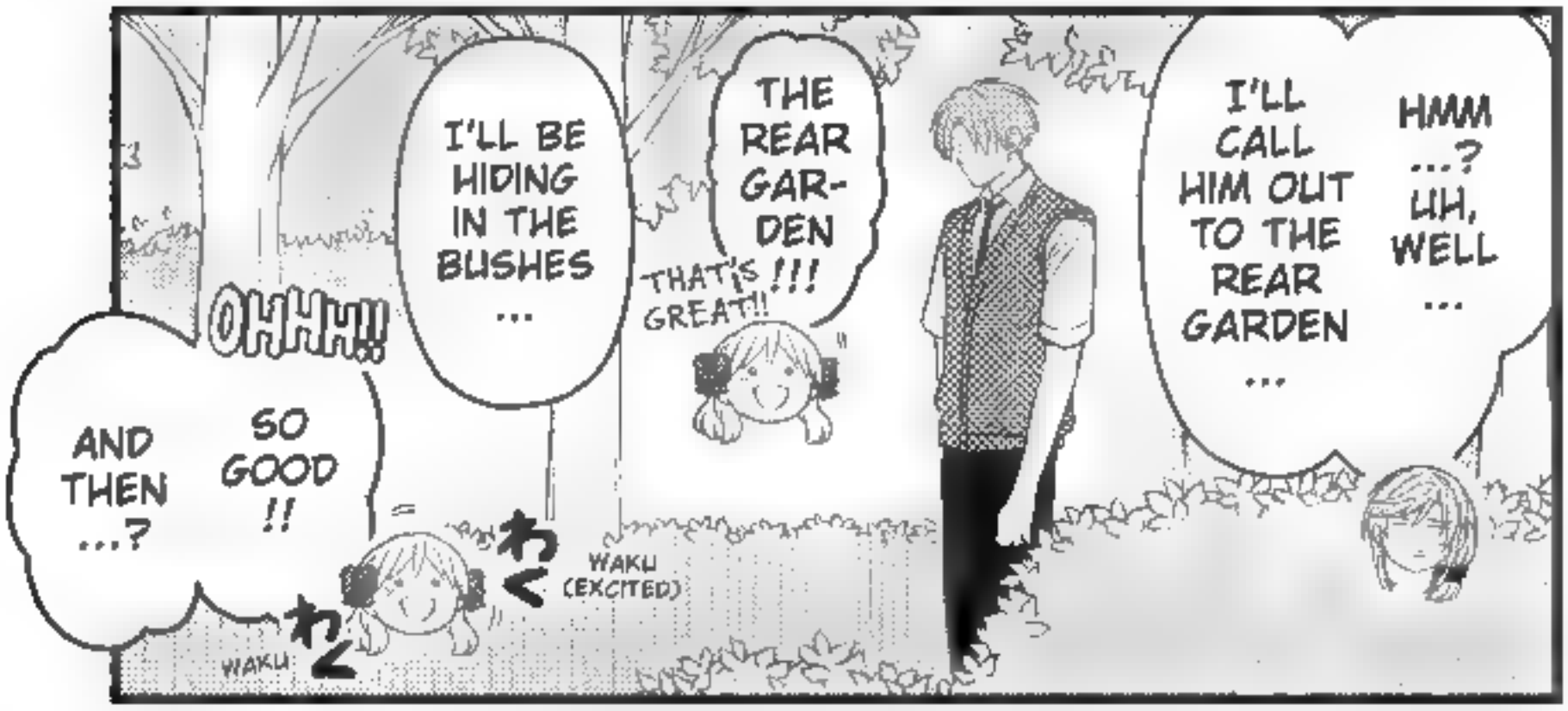
That makes you twice as amazing a senpai. I love you!!!

Lorelai-san is Seo-senpai!!

BUT THE NEXT DAY, HE'LL HAVE ACCEPTED REALITY!

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
YEAH, YEAH.
SA-KURA !?
THEY'RE GETTING ALONG BETTER NOW!
BUT YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S WAY BETTER TO COME CLEAN NOW THAN WHEN THEY FIRST MET!


THEN HOW DO YOU PLAN ON TELLING HIM?
BWA-HA-HA-HA!
THAT'S ME!!!
I'M A HUGE FAN OF LORELAI-SAN!!
I'M NORMALLY THE TYPE TO GET ALL THE SMALL STUFF OUT IN THE OPEN RIGHT AWAY.


AND THEN ...?
OHHH!! SO GOOD !!
WAKU
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WAKU (EXCITED)
I'LL BE HIDING IN THE BUSHES ...
THE REAR GAR-DEN
THAT'S GREAT!!!
I'LL CALL HIM OUT TO THE REAR GARDEN ...
HMM ...? UH, WELL ...

THAT'S REALLY CRUDE !!!
I'm Lorelai!!
TETTEREE (OUTDUOUU)
ZABAA (FWOOOSH)
ヤバぁ
WELL, IT'LL BE LIKE THIS.

USE YOUR BRAIN!!!
YOU GOTTA GIVE IT A TWIST !!!
YOU'VE BEEN QUIET ALL THIS TIME FOR THAT? YOU TRYING TO MESS WITH US!?
HE TOTALLY FORGOT HE WAS TRYING TO STOP HER.
THIS ISN'T A HIDDEN CAMERA SHOW!!
IF YOU'RE GONNA DO THAT, THEN JUST TELL HIM ALREADY !!!
WHAT !!?
WHAAAI-!?

YOU'RE CALLING THAT A TWIST ...!?
WHAT ...!?
...I'LL SEND HIM A TEXT...
AND THEN ...
PIROROOO (RIIING)
♪ピロロ!
...I'LL HAVE HIM COME OUT TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL INSTEAD ...
THEN ...
UHHH ...
UMMM ...

BA (FWOOSH)
WH-WHAT'S WRITTEN ON IT ...!?
!!
THAT'S SEO-SENPAI HOLDING A ROLL OF CLOTH...?
WHEN HE LOOKS UP AT THE ROOF...

WHY DID YOU MAKE THAT PART THE TWIST!!?
My true identity...? Rearrange the 7 letters.
LALOERI

THINK ...HOW ... DOES THE SCENE GO IN A SHOUJO MANGA WHEN SOMEONE REVEALS THEIR SECRET ...?

NOT LIKE THAT ...

BOO...

BOO...

WHAT ? THAT'S NOT HOW I SHOULD DO IT?

I JUST DID WHAT YOU SAID.

YOU'RE... PRINCESS KNIGHT. WAIT. ...!! NO...

I MADE IT IN TIME ...

YOU FIGURED IT OUT...

PARA (DROP)

SAKUMA-SAN...!!?

IT'S REALLY COMMON FOR THE PERSON TO TELL THEIR SECRET WHEN THEY'RE PROTECT-ING THE OTHER !!!

THAT'S IT ...!!!

SEO-SENPAI !?

WAKA! LOOK OUT!!!

BA

I GET IT...

THEN ...

NOT LIKE THAT!

I'm Lorelai!!

JAAAN (TA-DAA)

SA (FWISH)

GO (THUD)

IF I USE ALL MY SHOUJO MANGA SKILLS, I CAN TURN EVEN SEO INTO A HEROINE.

FOR EXAM-PLE...

I'M GOING TO SIMULATE THINGS IN MY HEAD.

WAIT A MINUTE.

IT'S JUST NOT DRAMATIC AT ALL.

LET MY SONG PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP ...!!!

...BUT PLEASE ...!!!

すぅ SUU (INHALE)

I MIGHT END UP REVEALING MY SECRET ...

OH NO ...!!!

WAKA'S SUR-ROUNDED BY DELIN-QUENTS ...!!!

HE'S WIDE-OPEN. LET'S GET HIM!

REALLY?

HEY.

HE FELL ASLEEP.

GUSHA (CRUMPLE)

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE ...?

DON'T RUN AWAY, SEOOO !!!

OH, HEY, SEO !!?

IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT WAKA-MATSU ...!

BIKU

BIKU (FLINCH)

AH, AGH!

IT'S SO ONE-SIDED ...!!!

APPARENTLY, HE'S THE WORST

THAT'S AMAZ-ING!!!

YOU ASKED HIM DIRECT-LY!!?

IF SOMEONE HAD TO TELL YOU A HUGE SECRET, HOW WOULD YOU WANT IT DONE?

HUH...?

I KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL HELP OR NOT...

...BUT I ASKED WAKA ABOUT IT TOO.

IT WON'T JUST HELP— THAT'S YOUR ANSWER!!!

...THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

...AT THE SAME TIME.

TO BALANCE THEM OUT.

...I'D WANT TO HEAR GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS...

THEN...

WELL, AND THEN...

IT FEELS LIKE ONE OF THESE DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM...

IT IS GOOD NEWS, THOUGH...

JAAAAAN (TA-DAAA)

Taguchi-sensei is getting married!!

I'm Lorelai!!

SO I JUST HAVE TO BRING BOTH OF THESE OUT AT THE SAME TIME, RIGHT?

THE MARRIAGE WAS THE BAD NEWS!!?

WAIT A MIN-UTE !!!

JAAAAAN

Someone cut your shoelaces!!

I'm Lorelai!!

THEN THIS ONE.

IS TAGUCHI-SENSEI ALL RIGHT!?

...ACTING KINDA WEIRD...

...SEO- ... SENPAI HAS BEEN... LATELY

AND SHE'S BEEN CARRYING AROUND THIS THING, LIKE A PIECE OF WOOD?

SHE'LL LOOK LIKE SHE'S GONNA SAY SOME-THING BUT THEN STOPS.

UH... NO, NEVER MIND.

SHE KEEPS GLANCING AT ME.

CHIRA ちら

CHIRA (GLANCE) ちら

WHAT DO YOU THINK ...?

...AS PART OF THE TIRAMISU SET.

... PLANNING ON PLAYING A PRANK ON ME.

I'D LIKE A COF-FEE...

I WONDER IF SHE'S ...

IT MAKES THINGS HARD...

WELL, FIRST, CAN YOU NOT STICK YOUR ORDER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVER-SATION LIKE THAT...?

MY LITTLE SISTER'S MEOW LAGE

ON BREAK

SHE'S STARING AND LOOKS LIKE SHE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING, HUH...?

YEAH ...

SO YOU SAY MY SISTER'S ACTING WEIRD...?

.....

CHIRA ちら

CHIRA ちら

HAS EVEN YUZUKI FINALLY REACHED THAT AGE ...!!?

KA (FLASH) ﾋｭ

SHE'S NOT GONNA CONFESS HER LOVE, IS SHE!!?

WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING

CHIRA ちら

CHIRA ちら

...SO MAYBE SHE...

BUT WHAT'S WITH HER CARRYING A PIECE OF WOOD AROUND ...?

PIECE OF WOOD

SOMETHING HARD TO SAY

I WANT TO KEEP HIM IN SECRET.

ARF!

ARF!

...TOOK IN A STRAY DOG AND WANTS TO BUILD IT A DOGHOUSE !?

YEAH, EVERY-THING FITS!

IT'S GOT TO BE THAT ...!!!

PIECES OF WOOD

SHE'S JUST LIKE A LITTLE BOY!!

SO HE REALLY DOES LIKE YUZUKI AFTER ALL ...!!!

I DON'T GET WHY, THOUGH!!!

SUCH A GOOD KID!!

HE'S GONNA DO IT FOR HER ...!?

HOW DO YOU BUILD ONE...?

A DOG-HOUSE, HUH ...?

GOT IT...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET THAT SERIOUS ABOUT IT...!!!

WHA —!?

IT MAKES ME FEEL BAD...!!!

GOTTA WRITE IT DOWN...

...IF I BORROW SOME TOOLS FROM HORI-SENPAI, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT...

FOR THIS ...

HMMM...

YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE SOMEONE THINK SO MUCH OF YOU...!!!

YUZUKI ...!!!

NO!

I WANT TO MAKE IT PROP-ERLY!!

HE'S JUST A DOG-LOVER ...!!!

OH ...!!!

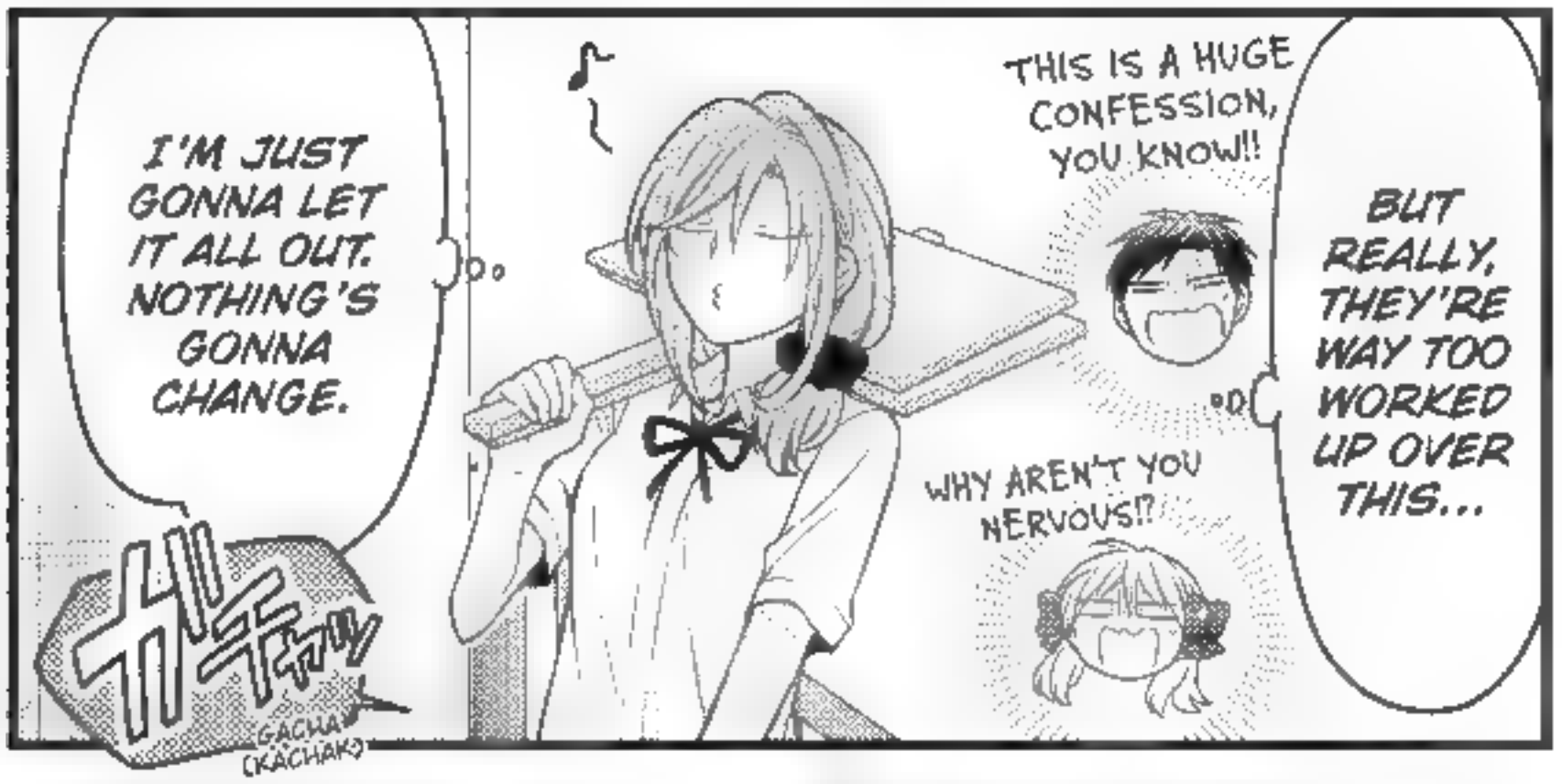
WAKU

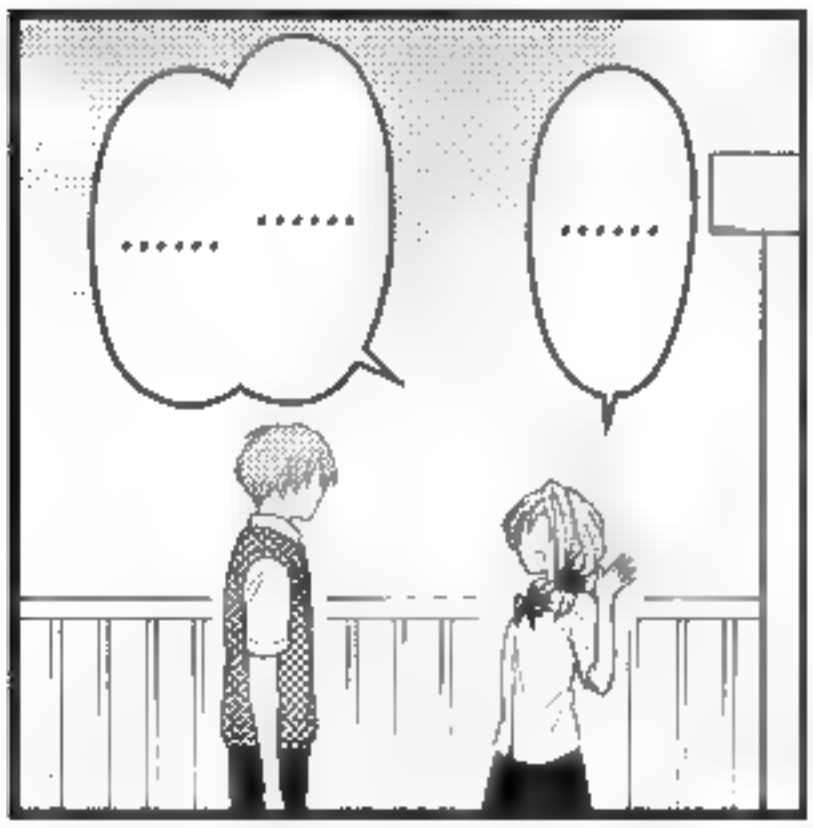
WAKU

WAKU (EXCITED)

SO I WONDER WHAT TYPE OF DOG IT IS!

LET'S DO THIS!
AND I HAVE MY SIGNS READY TOO.
I CALLED WAKA TO COME HERE.
THERE.
I'm Lorelai!!
They're not carrying your favorite food at the store anymore.
AND THEN ...
...THE DAY OF HER CONFESSION ARRIVED.


I'M JUST GONNA LET IT ALL OUT. NOTHING'S GONNA CHANGE.
GACHA (KACHAK)
THIS IS A HUGE CONFESSION, YOU KNOW!!
WHY AREN'T YOU NERVOUS!?
BUT REALLY, THEY'RE WAY TOO WORKED UP OVER THIS...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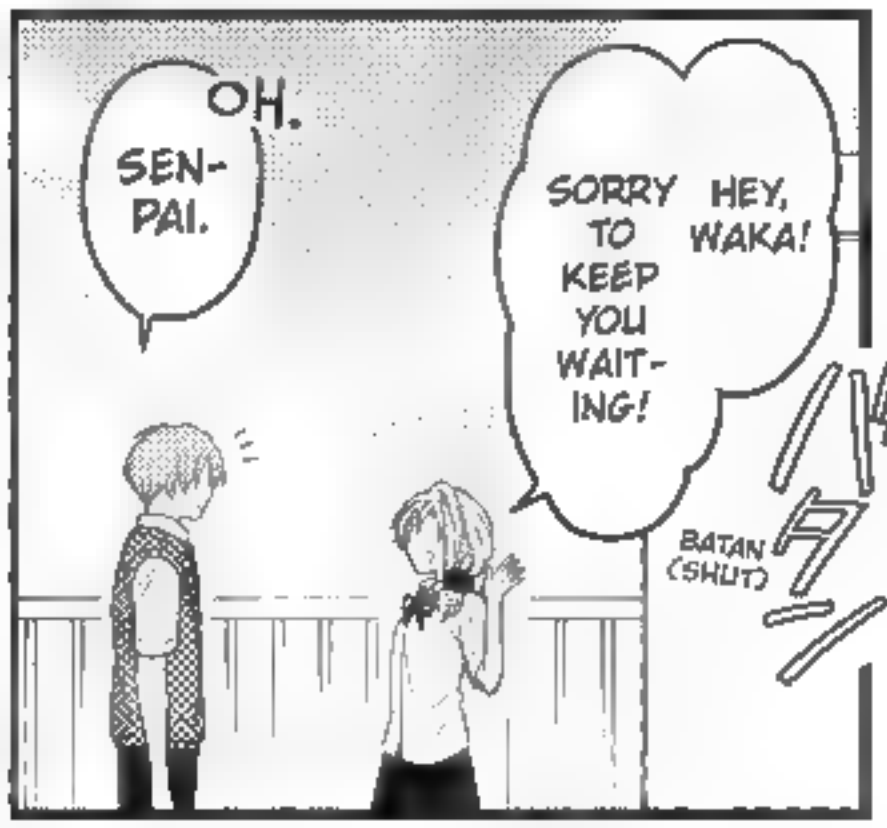
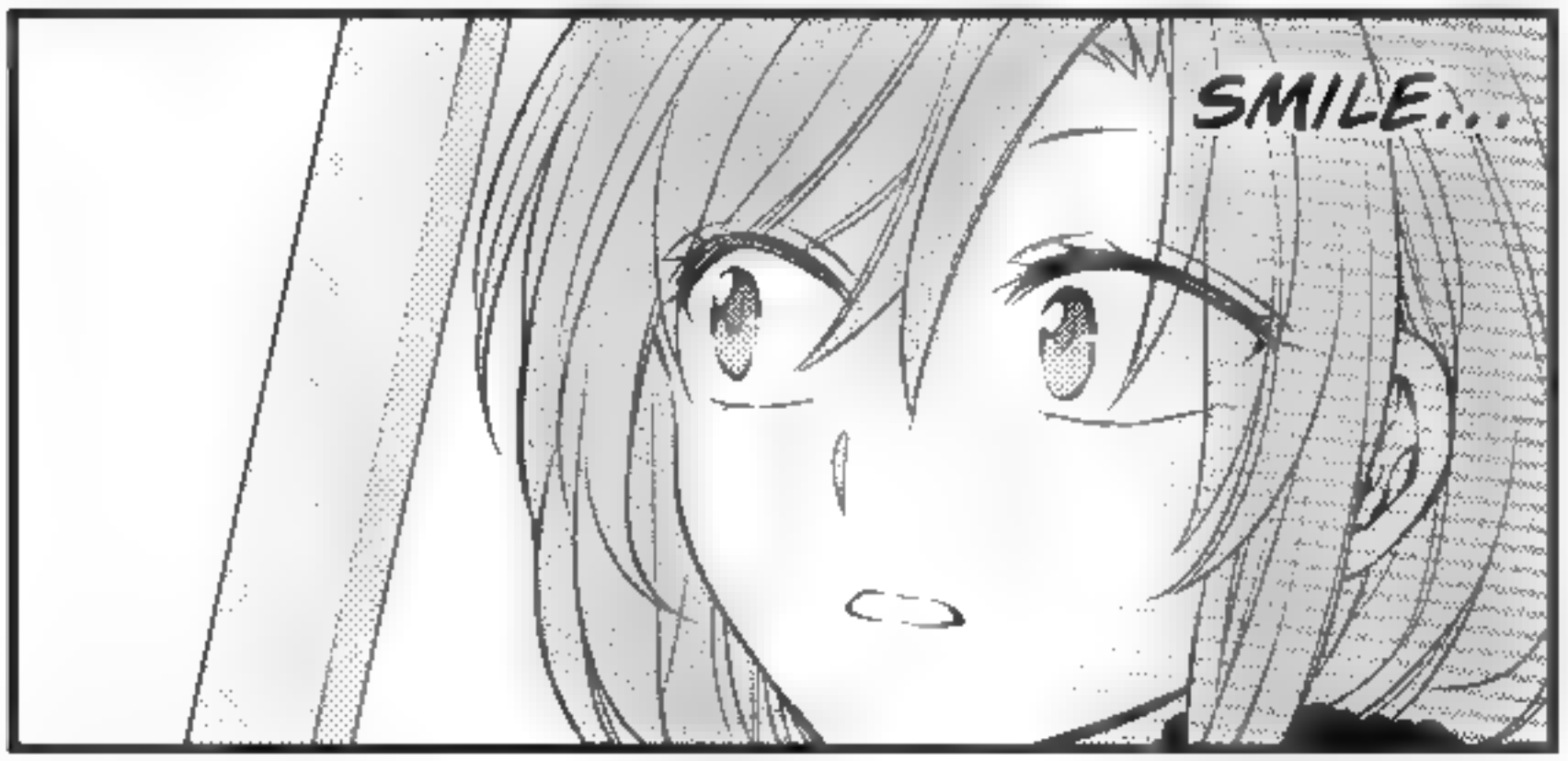
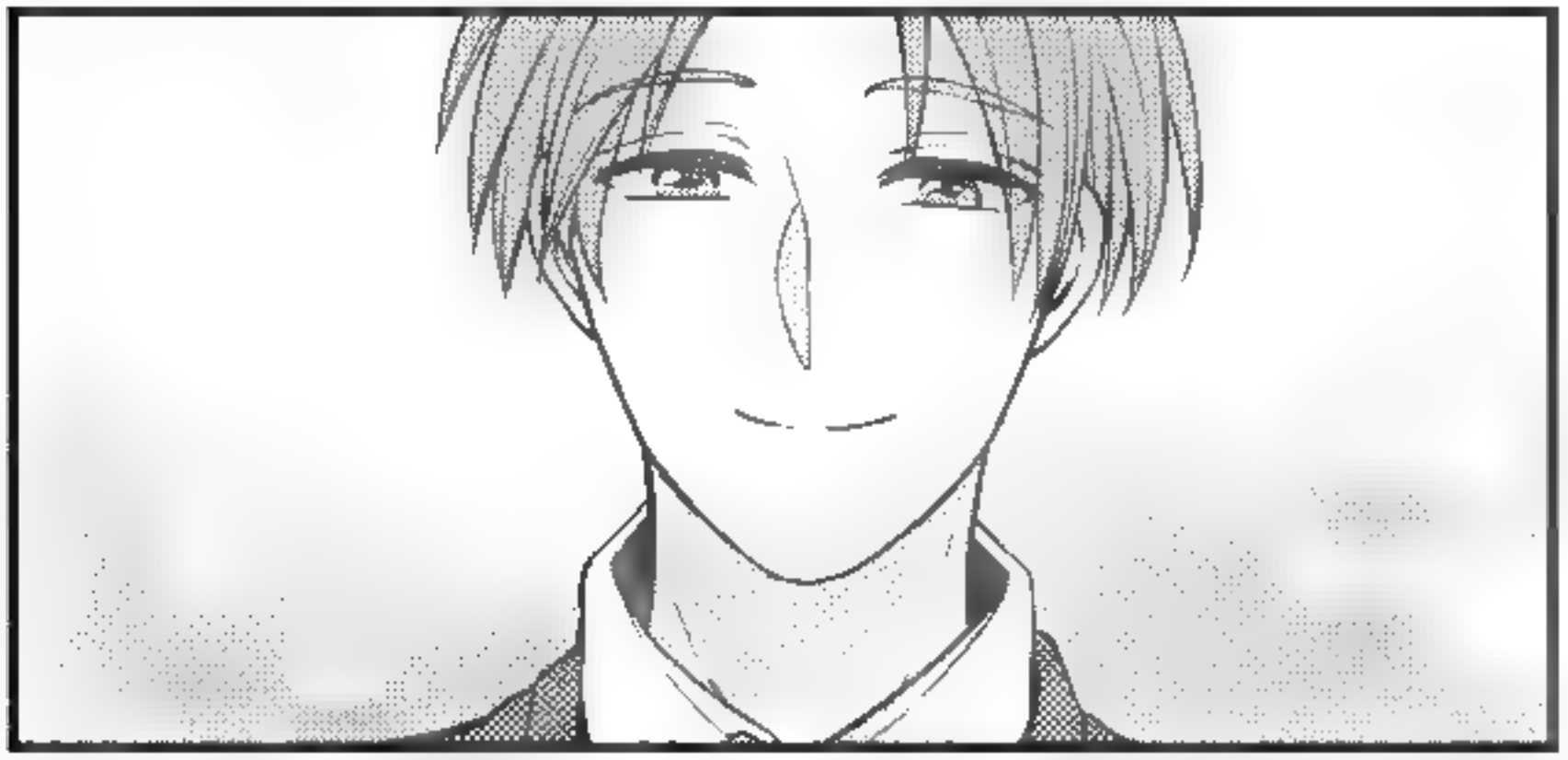

OH.
SEN-PAI.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING!
HEY, WAKA!
BATAN (SHUT)

NOW I'M GETTING NERVOUS.
DO (WHOOSH)

THERE'S NOTHING TO GET ALL SCARED ABOUT!!!
DO (THUD)
DO
DO
DO
NO WAY! I HAFTA JUST LET IT SLIP RIGHT OUT!!
AFTER ALL, I'M HIS BELOVED LORELAI-SAN!!!
?
HUH? REALLY?
THIS IS WAKA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. HE'S JUST GONNA SMILE NICELY AND ACCEPT IT!!!
A- ANYWAY ...
I-I-IT'S GONNA BE JUST FINE! HE'S GONNA SMILE AT ME!!!
HE MIGHT GET SHOCKED AND NEVER SMILE AT YOU EVER AGAIN...
BUT THEY'RE SO GOOD !!!
THE HAMBURGER-STUFFED BUNS!?
WHA —!!?
They're not carrying your favorite food at the store anymore.
SU (FWISH)
...I THINK I'LL LET HIM DOWN FIRST...

SMILE AT ME WITH SPARKLY EYES





GET SURPRISED!!
WHY!!?
I'M LORELAI! LORE-LAI!!!
I SAID I UNDER-STAND.
YOU'RE LORELAI-SAN.
GUOOO (ROOOAR)
WOW, AMAZING.
JUST KIDDING.
HEH HEH HEH!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT LORELAI-SAN...
...YOU CAN STILL ASK ME FOR A FAVOR.
COME ON!

I MADE YOU A DOG-HOUSE.
SO...
...
WHERE'S THE DOG?
WAKU~ (EXCITED)
わく わく
WAKU
GOOD LUCK!
.....
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO START BY BUILDING SOME TRUST BETWEEN YOU TWO.
THAT WAS A SHOCK...
...YOU COULDN'T MAKE YOUR CONFES-SION AT ALL...
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE ...

MORE IN-DEPTH

TAGUCHI-SENSEI HAS THE WORST LUCK WITH MEN...

...SO EVERYONE'S SAYING THERE'S NO WAY THIS GUY IS A GOOD GUY.

IT MIGHT EVEN BE A SCAM.

OH... O—

ISN'T IT A GOOD THING...?

Taguchi-sensei is gettin mar

...HOW IS THIS THE BAD NEWS ANY-WAY...?

SO...

Taguchi-sensei has the worst luck with men, but she said...

..."Marry me."

She's definitely gonna regret that.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S A LOT EASIER TO UNDER-STAND.

WAKA MIGHT NOT KNOW ALL THAT, SO I SHOULD EXPLAIN IT A LITTLE MORE.

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.

Those hamburger-filled buns you really like...

...actually didn't sell...

...so they're discontinued.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT SPECIFIC.

IT'S JUST MEAN.

MAYBE I SHOULD EXPLAIN ABOUT WAKA'S FAVORITE FOOD TOO.

IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE THERE MORE NOW?

THOSE SIGNS...

GACHA (CLATTER)

GACHA

GACHA

IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

WAKA ...

HEAR ME OUT ONE MORE TIME.

RE-VENGE

THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT...

...HAAH...

SU (FWISH)

I'm Lorelai!!

IT'S FINE— JUST LOOK AT THIS.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT YOUR-SELF DOWN LIKE THAT ...!!!

NO!

D—

DIDN'T SELL ...!!?

SU

...actually didn't sell...

YOU'RE STILL YOUNG!!!

...GETTING PRESSED INTO MARRIAGE RIGHT NOW ...!!?

AM I...

BWA ...?

SU

Marry me."

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I'LL EVEN LET YOU PICK WHAT WE WATCH!!!
IT'S ALL GOOD !!
OKAAY, WAKA !!!
LET'S CATCH A MOVIE ON THE WAY HOME TODAY!!

APPARENTLY, SHE'S WORKING FROM "THE NORTH WIND AND THE SUN."
WHERE KIND-NESS WINS OVER THE TRAVELER.
O-OKAY, LEAVE IT TO ME!!!
UGH!
UH...I WANT TO SEE THAT ROMANTIC ONE THAT'S SHOWING RIGHT NOW...
SHE'S DESPER-ATE TO GAIN HIS TRUST...

I really care about you!!!
I'll do some-thing to help!!!
SAN
SAN
SAN (SHINE)
SAN
SAN
SAN
Anything troubling you!? If there is, then tell me about it!!!

YUZUKI ...!!!
HEY.
THE TRAVELER IS WRAPPING HIS CLOAK UP.
.....

SOOO...?

HUUUH!!?

WHAT IS IT? GEEZ...

WAKA!!! WAKA!!! WAKA!!!

BUT YOU KNOW, I KINDA LIKE IT...

...THAT OF HER ...!!?

HE THINKS ...

...ARE REALLY CUTE... ♡

GIRLS WHO GIVE THEIR ALL LIKE THAT...

S—

SO THAT MEANS ...

...NOZAKI-KUN THINKS YUZUKI ...

OHHH ...! LIKE THAT...

YOU'RE ...?

...REVERSE OF THAT TIME...

THIS IS THE

SERVES YOU RIGHT !!!

OH HO HO HO!

COME ON, BARK FOR ME!!

YOU CAN'T JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT !!!

UGH ...

YOU'RE MY DOG!!!!

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

SEEING THE TABLES GET TURNED IS PRETTY FUN...

I LIKE THAT KIND OF THING.

SHE FOUND OUT.

SO HE THINKS SHE'S GETTING WHAT SHE DESERVES RIGHT NOW...?

WAIT A MINUTE.

WELL, GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN THEM STICKING TOGETHER AND ENDING UP HAPPY...

BUT IT HAS A NICE SENSE OF CATHARSIS.

ESPECIALLY WITH SHOUJO MANGA.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT MANGA WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO THINK "TAKE THAT!" ABOUT THE HERO, THOUGH...

UUUUGH...!!!

U...

YOU'RE SO SLOW. HONESTLY, THIS IS SO SIMPLE.

COME ON. YOU'RE NOT DONE YET?

MY FIANCÉ IS WITH ANOTHER WOMAN AGAIN.

BUT HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS RECOGNITION FOR IT...

...HIS WORK FOR HIM.

AS FOR THE PLOT ...

...FIRST, YOU INTRODUCE THE DOWNTRODDEN MAIN CHARACTER.

I DO...

CATHARSIS

SH-SHE DID IT...!!! SHE FINALLY DID IT ...!!!

SHE RAN AWAY!!

...DISAPPEARED FROM HIS LIFE.

SO I...

Farewell...

I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE...

I CAN'T KEEP GOING WITH JUST MEMORIES ANYMORE...

HE USED TO BE SO KIND, BUT...

FINALLY, SHE HITS HER LIMIT AND REMOVES HERSELF FROM THE SITUATION.

KRK...

CATHARSIS

SFX: ZUZUZU (WHOOSH)

SHOW ME MORE SCENES LIKE THIS ...!!!

MORE ...!!!

THEY'RE SO GREAT!!

PAAN (SHINE)

NO WAY ...!

...THAT SHE WAS MORE TALENTED THAN ME...!?

ARE YOU SAYING ...

BUT I DREW THIS MYSELF ...!!

WHA?

THE OLD ONES WERE SO MUCH BETTER.

THIS DESIGN JUST WON'T DO.

BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS PICKED OUT MY CLOTHES FOR ME ...!?

YOU'VE JUST BEEN SO LAME LATELY!

AND THEN, YOU SEE THE MAN'S SIDE WHEN HE REALIZES EVERYTHING.

CATHARSIS

POPULARITY RISING

...OR THE FIRST GUY HAS A CHANGE OF HEART.

SOMETIMES, A NEW GUY SHOWS UP...

WELL...

BAD END FOR THE HERO?

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF STORIES LIKE THIS?

WHAAA!?

REALLY!?

THAT'S BECAUSE READERS TEND TO LIKE PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD.

MALE OR FEMALE, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

SHE LETS IT SLIDE JUST BECAUSE HE HAS A CHANGE OF HEART !!?

WHAAA!?

THIS WAS...

••DESIGN CONTEST

...TO SEE YOU AGAIN

...MY ONLY CHANCE ...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS ...

I WENT BACK TO THE BASICS AND RELEARNED DESIGN.

I STOPPED FOOLING AROUND WITH WOMEN.

WHEN HE HAS A CHANGE OF HEART, IT GOES LIKE THIS...

THAT'S THE IDEAL READER REAC-TION ...!!

AS A CREATOR, I'M HAPPY!!!

YEAH...!

HE'S NOT CHEATING ANYMORE ...

YEAH... HE DID WORK REALLY HARD...

YEAH...

OH ...

IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS ...

...AND HE'S WORKED SO HARD ...

AT MIYA-KO'S HOUSE

ANYWAY, IT'S JUST SO NICE TO SEE HIM GET EVERYTHING BACK AFTER ALL THAT HARD WORK ...!!

ARE THERE MORE MANGA LIKE THAT?

HA HA HA.

GIRLS REALLY DO LIKE PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF THEM, SO READ UP.

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT UNTIL THE END!!

OH, THIS IS THE TYPE WHERE SHE GETS TOGETHER WITH A NEW GUY!!

KYA (SQUEAL)

KYA

.....

LUCKY.

MIYAKO-SAN AND I CAN BOTH TELL WHO SHE'S GONNA END UP WITH RIGHT AWAY ...

IT GETS BORING.

HUH ?

IS THAT TRUE !?

FOR EXAMPLE—

THIS ONE'S THE EX.

NEW

EX

THIS IS THE NEW GUY.

NEW

EX

THIS ONE IS THE EX.

NEW

EX

AMAZING!!! HOW CAN YOU ALWAYS TELL!!?

BECAUSE THIS ONE'S MORE HAND-SOME.

IT'S NORMAL TO GO WITH THE HOT ONE.

.....

SO IT'S ALL LOOKS IN THE END...

ADVANCED CONFUSION TECHNIQUES

GAH !?
BUT WHAT IF NOZAKI GOT HIMSELF A GIRL-FRIEND?
YOU REALLY THINK THAT?
NOZAKI-KUN WILL NEVER BETRAY ME.
I'VE READ A WHOLE BUNCH OF THESE NOW...
...BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO HELP IN REAL LIFE.

!!!
I JUST WANT YOU HERE WITH ME.
THE OTHERS CAN DO THE WORK.
WHAT IF HE STARTED BRINGING HER WHEN HE HAS TO WORK?

NO WAY ...!!!
N—
YOU'RE SO GOOD!
PACHI
PACHI (CLAP)
BECHO (SPLAT)
...CAN I... DO BETA!
AND EVENTUALLY, THEY START FOOLING AROUND TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S SERIOUSLY IRRITATING ...

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT !!!
I'D JUST GET DIZZY!!
I—
THAT'S THREE TIMES WHAT YOU GET...
AND NOZAKI EVEN GIVES HER THREE CUSHIONS TO SIT ON...

POOR ME !!!

Farewell...

THEN, ONE DAY, YOU JUST CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, SO YOU RUN AWAY FROM NOZAKI.

AND NOZAKI REALIZES JUST HOW IMPOR-TANT...

...SAKURA...

I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SO IMPORTANT...

AFTER THAT, THE WORK JUST DOESN'T GO RIGHT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THERE.

UHH...

SOME-ONE HE'D MISS...

SOME-ONE HE'D MISS IF THEY WERE GONE...

I CAN DO IT.

BUT NOZAKI CAN ACTUALLY DO BETA HIM-SELF...

HMM...?

HORI-SENPAI !!!

!!!

WAIT!!

BACK-GROUND

WITHOUT YOU...

BACK-GROUND

...I JUST CAN'T GO ON!!

I THINK IF HIS BACK-GROUND ARTIST LEFT, HE'D GO AFTER HIM WITH EVERY-THING HE HAD.

TEKU
TEKU
WHY HORI-SENPAI ...?
...SO I THINK I'LL GO BUG HORI-SENPAI FOR A BIT...
I'M FEELING REALLY SAD RIGHT NOW...
TEKU (TRUDGE)

JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES AND IMAGINE SOME-THING FOR ME!!!
HUH? WHAT'S UP?
CAN I TALK TO YOU!?
HORI-SEN-PAI!
BAAN (SHOVE)
HAAW!!

IMAGINE WHAT THAT PAIN WOULD FEEL LIKE!!!
YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR HER, BUT SHE JUST DOESN'T GET IT...
HM ...!?
KASHIMA!?
... DECIDES TO BETRAY YOU!!!
IMAGINE KASHIMA-KUN, WHO YOU DOTE ON ALL THE TIME...

OH NO. HE'S TOO USED TO BETRAYAL ...!!!
OR RIGHT NOW, WHEN SHE PROMISED SHE'D COME READ THROUGH THE SCRIPT, BUT INSTEAD, SHE TOOK A NAP AND STILL ISN'T HERE?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT LAST WEEK, WHEN KASHIMA SAID, "I HAVE A STOMACH-ACHE," AND WENT HOME, AND THEN I FOUND HER EATING CAKE?

HOW ABOUT THAT !!?
AND THEN, EVERY TIME SHE GOES ON A DATE, SHE HAS YOU DO HER MAKEUP!!
I HAVE A DATE TODAY, SO DO YOUR THING!
Makeup
OH...
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU DID KASHIMA-KUN'S MAKEUP, AND THEN SHE FOUND HERSELF A BOY-FRIEND!!
NOT LIKE THAT!

THIS ISN'T REGIS-TERING WITH HIM ...!!!
UH...
OH ...
UHH ...?

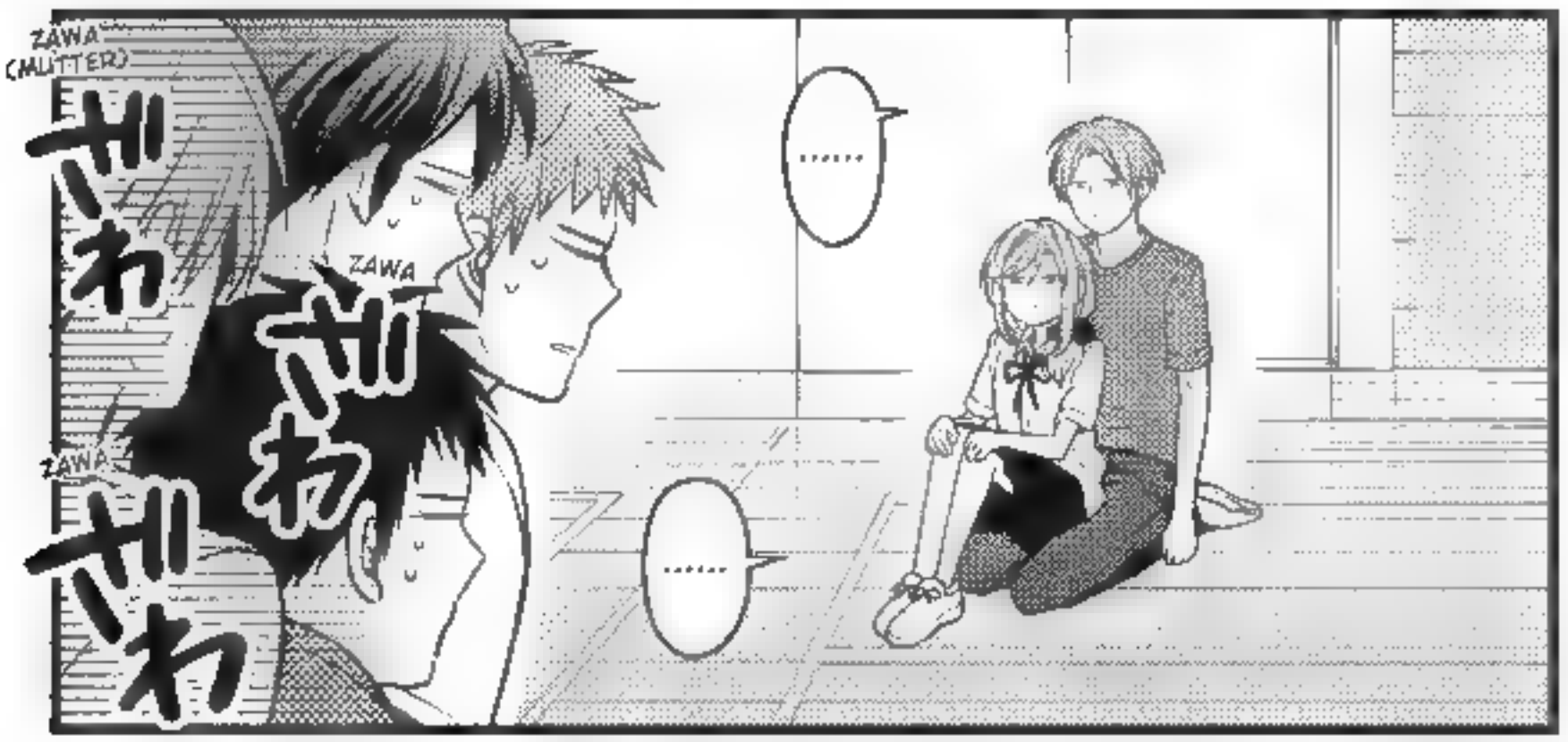
LET'S HAVE THOSE TWO ACT TOGETHER FROM NOW ON!!!
WOW ...!!
AND HE'S ABLE TO MAKE KASHIMA SHINE EVEN MORE THAN YOU DO...
GOD OF THE STAGE!
THEN SAY A NEW CLUB MEMBER JOINS WHO'S A REALLY GOOD ACTOR.
HMM ...

EEEK!!

JUST SPOIL HER OR MESS AROUND OR SOMETHING AND GET HER IN A BETTER MOOD.
SHE'S GONNA END UP CAUSING DAMAGE OVER HERE.
HUH !!?
WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?
SAKURA'S IN A BAD MOOD. YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
THE PART I DIDN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT CAME TRUE ...!!!
THREE CUSHIONS TO SIT ON!!
YOU GET A SPECIAL SEAT FOR LUNCH TODAY!
HEY, SAKU-RA.
...WANT TO SIT ON MY LAP?
THEN ...
JUST KIDDING!
YOU DON'T WANT THAT ...?
OHH.
SHE SAT THERE.

OH.
I'M GONNA GO PAY WAKA A VISIT.
GOTTA GET MY SUN TIME IN FOR THE DAY.
OHH? GOOD FOR YOU.
MAYBE THIS MEANS WE'RE REEEEEEALLY CLOSE NOW...?
TEE HEE HEE!
...SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED!

HEY, WAKA!!
COME HERE! SIT!
OH, OKAY!
IF SHE IS, THEN I FEEL BAD...
.....
...IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO BE NICE TO ME...
... MAYBE SEO-SENPAI ...


ZAWA (MUTTER)
ZAWA
ZAWA
.....
.....

...IS GETTING MORE MALI-CIOUS ...!!!
HER BULLY-ING...

NORMAL OPERATION

KA-SHIMA ...

I'M DONE LOOKING AFTER YOU ALL THE TIME.

HUH !!?

MAYBE I SHOULD GO TEASE KASHIMA A LITTLE TOO.

YAAY!!

I'LL LOOK AFTER YOU, THEN!!

HERE'S YOUR LUNCH.

LET'S HAVE SOME TEA.

HERE, SENPAI. YOUR TIE IS CROOKED.

THE NEXT PLAY ...

... SHOULD BE ABOUT A BUTLER ...

.....

SO ANY-WAY...

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OH.

YOU'RE NOT WORKING TODAY?

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I GET HOME?

FOR ONCE, I HAVE THE DAY OFF!

WAIT A MINUTE.

OH.

BWEH !!?

I SORRY. CAN'T JUST CANCEL ON HIM...

OH... I CAN'T. TODAY ...

...I HAVE PLANS WITH MY BOY-FRIEND.

YAAY!

AND WE CAN GET SOME-THING TO EAT TOO...

YEAH, LET'S GO!

WANT TO GO SHOPPING, THEN?

WAIT ... B- BOY-FRIEND ...!?

UM ...

YOU HAVE ONE —!?

THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT!!
HUH...? IT'S NOT REALLY SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE ...
YES, IT IS!!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME!!?

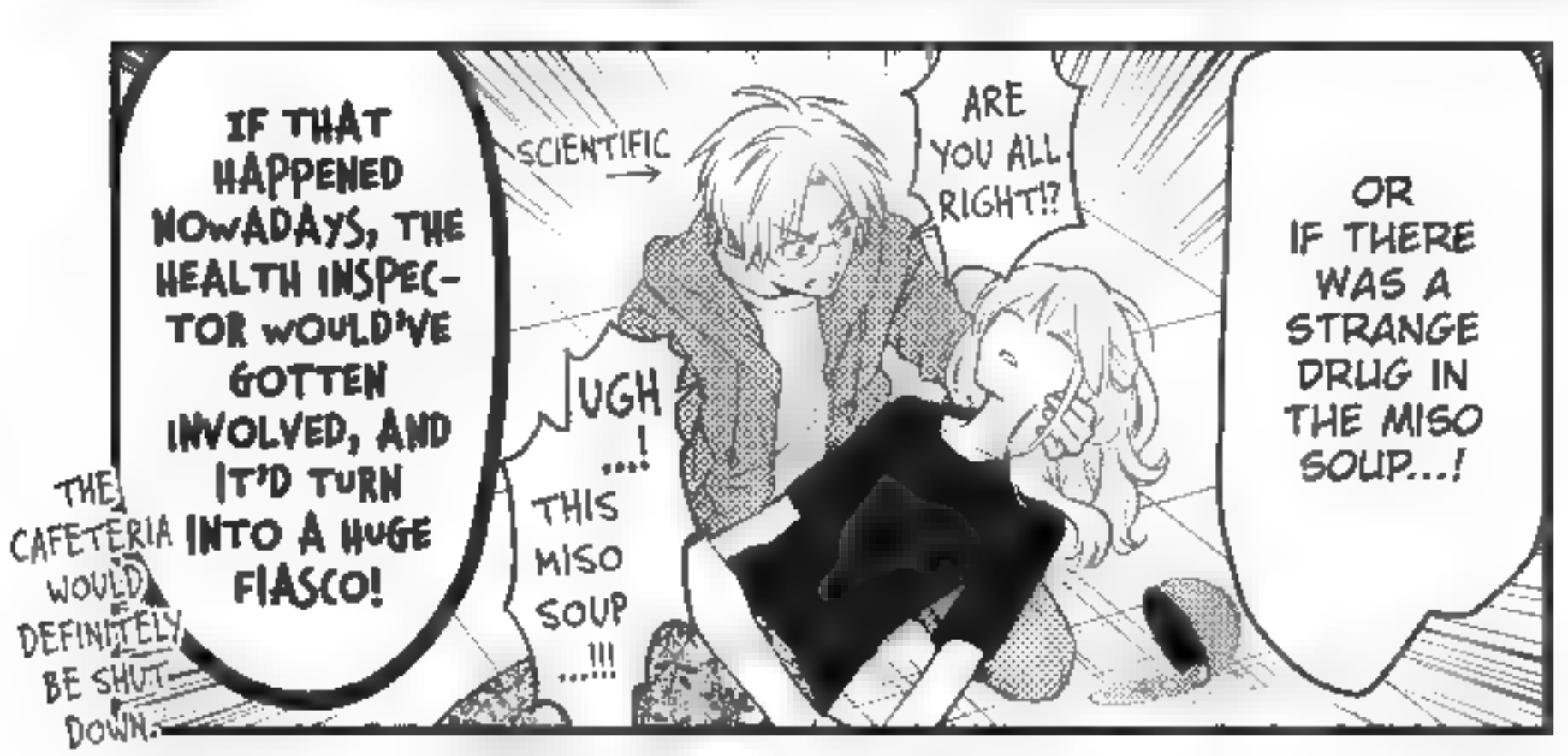
WAS IT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!? A CLUB EVENT!?
WHAT CAUSED IT!!?
HOW DID YOU MEET !?
HUH ...!?
REALLY ☆!?
A BOYFRIEND ISN'T SOMETHING YOU JUST COME ACROSS NATURALLY!!

MISO SOUP !!?
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING...
OH ...
IT'S REALLY BAD...
ISN'T THE MISO SOUP REALLY BAD TODAY...?
UM...
...BE-CAUSE THE CAFE-TERIA'S MISO SOUP WAS REALLY BAD...
WE MET ...

...HOW DO YOU JUST NATU-RALLY START DATING ...!!?
AFTER STARTING LIKE THAT...
NATU-RALLY ...!!?
WE JUST SORTA ENDED UP GOING OUT, NATU-RALLY ...
AND THEN, WELL ...
ALL YOU DID WAS EAT SOME MISO SOUP AND SAY WHAT YOU THOUGHT...!!

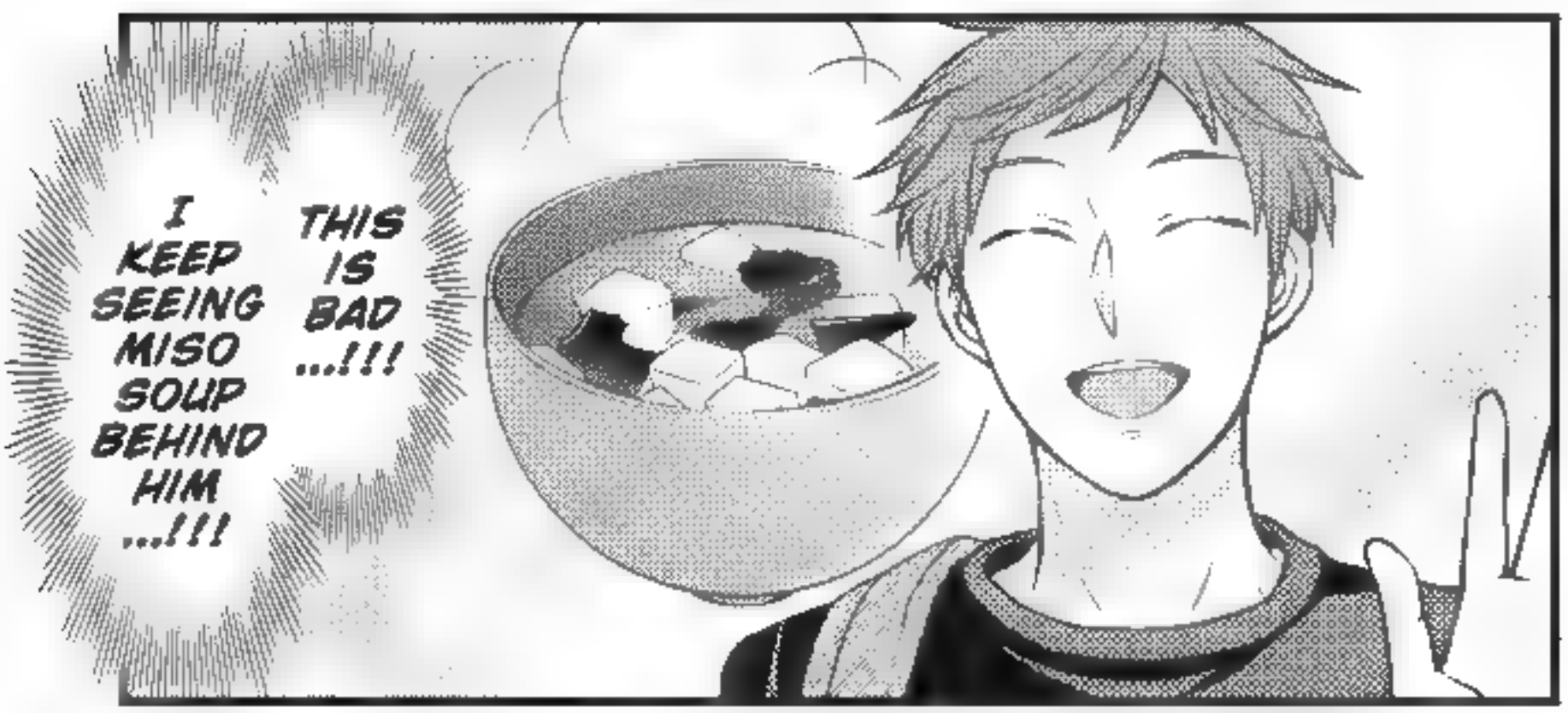
U-UMM...
HUH...?
OUT WITH IT.
WHAT IS WITH YOU?
HOW WOULD WE HAVE HAD TO MEET FOR YOU TO ACCEPT IT?

NEVER MIND THE GUY!
YOU'D ONLY REMEMBER THE SHELLS AFTER THAT!
KYA!
ATHLETIC →
WATCH IT'S OUT!!! HOT !!!
PYU (SPURT)
PYU
MAYBE IF HE PROTECTED YOU WHEN THE SHELLS IN THE MISO SOUP SUDDENLY ATTACKED YOU...


THE CAFETERIA WOULD DEFINITELY BE SHUT-DOWN.
IF THAT HAPPENED NOWADAYS, THE HEALTH INSPECTOR WOULD'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED, AND IT'D TURN INTO A HUGE FIASCO!
SCIENTIFIC →
UGH...! THIS MISO SOUP.....!!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
OR IF THERE WAS A STRANGE DRUG IN THE MISO SOUP...!

WHO CARES ABOUT IT!!?
WHY CAN'T YOU LET GO OF THE MISO SOUP PART!!?
...THE MAN WHO'S MEANT FOR YOU! ♡
I KNOW...
THEN WHAT IF A MYSTERIOUS FAIRY CAME OUT OF THE MISO SOUP...!?

HE'S ...!!!
!!!
OH. SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
THAT'S MY BOY-FRIEND.
OH! HINA-CHAN!


I KEEP SEEING MISO SOUP BEHIND HIM ...!!!
THIS IS BAD ...!!!

...I JUST CAN'T STOP SEEING THE MISO SOUP ...
STILL ...
I KNEW IT!
GEEZ! REALLY, HINA-CHAN!
REALLY!? HUH!?
NO WAY.
EH!? WE DIDN'T MEET BECAUSE OF MISO SOUP!

Oh, he seems so Western.
IT WAS SO BAD.
IT WAS CORN POTAGE.

GAH !!?

RYOUSUKE-KUN, DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

MAYBE EVERYONE IS DATING BUT NOT LETTING ON THAT THEY ARE ...

N—

NO, I DON'T !!! N- N- N—

WAIT— DOES SHE MEAN ...

...SHE LIKES ME ...!!?

I MUST BE RIGHT ...!!!

SHE LOOKS REALLY HAPPY ...!!

PAA (SHINE)

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Really ...!?

HER HANDS ARE SO WARM ...!!!

BUT... NO WAY !!!

UGH ...!

KYU (SQUEEZE)

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LET'S ALWAYS BE FRIENDS, OKAY!!?

MY COMRADE!!

YOU UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL!?
Y—
OH, SO HISAKAWA HAS A BOY-FRIEND ...
WHAT IS THIS COMPLICATED FEELING!?
I GUESS I DO FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN LEFT BEHIND...
I WANT TO GO LOOK AT SOME CLOTHES TODAY.
LOOK AT HOW NATU-RAL SHE IS!!!
BUT LOOK !!
OKAY!
WHEN DID THEY START DATING ANYWAY!!?
UM...WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TODAY...?
MOJI (FIDGET)
MOJI
STILL, I'D UNDERSTAND BETTER IF SHE WERE REACTING MORE INNOCENTLY ...
... HOW YOU FEEL ...!!!
I REALLY DO GET ...
MOJI (STARE)
.....
...SO IT'S A SHOCK SHE DIDN'T TALK TO HER ABOUT IT...
SHE'S PRETTY CLOSE TO HISA-KAWA ...
MIYA-KO...
OH...
WHY!?
I WANT SOME CORN POTAGE ...

TALKING ABOUT MANGA

...AND THEN WERE LIKE, "MAYBE WE SHOULD GO OUT OR SOME-THING?" ...?

I GUESS THEY WERE TALKING LIKE USUAL ...

UHH.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO START DATING NATU-RALLY...?

CAN: CORN POTAGE

YOU MEAN THAT'S NOT HOW YOU WANT THINGS ...?

STYLE?

...WE SHOULD GO OUT?

YOU THINK ...

I'M FINE WITH THAT.

...

THAT'S NOT MY STYLE, THOUGH...

SO THEY'RE THE SIMPLE, DETACHED TYPE...

OH, OKAY.

FOR ME...

SO SHE DOES WANT SOMEONE TO CONFESS THEIR FEELINGS TO HER LIKE THAT ...!?

HUH ...!?

THE SIMPLE EXCITEMENT OF THE EVERYDAY...

CONFESSIONS THAT JUST SPILL OUT OF YOU...

I WISH I COULD DO THINGS IN A CALM, COOL WAY...

NO...

LIFE-AND-DEATH ...!?

LIFE ...

WHA —!?

...HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE !!!

YOU ...

I'VE ... ... ALWAYS LOVED YOU...

...CONFES-SIONS USUALLY HAPPEN IN LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUA-TIONS...

I WONDER WHAT NATURAL CONFES-SIONS ARE ACTUALLY LIKE...
WOULD IT FEEL GOOD?
WOULD IT BE EXCITING?
I DUN-NO...
I HAVE NO CLUE...
...ALL RIGHT.

LET'S DO IT.
HUH !!?
DO WHAT!?

WHOEVER CAN INITIATE A DATE WITH THE MOST NATURAL CONFESSION IS THE WINNER, RYOUSUKE-KUN.
ME M— !!?
TH— THIS IS WAY TOO SUDDEN ...!!!
A COMPE-TITION!!?
FOCUS ON MAK-ING THE CONVER-SATION FEEL NATURAL, OKAY?
AND START !!

... Hey ... ... have you heard, Ryou-suke-kun?
NIKO' (SMILE)
Love is all the rage these days...
THAT'S TO-TALLY UNNAT-URAL !!!

COME ON, JUST CALM DOWN, MIYAKO ...

ROUTINE?

I HAVE TO START BY INTRO-DUCING THE TOPIC!!!

INTRO-DUCE THE TOPIC

THEME

THINGS HEAT UP

I JUST CAN'T ...!!! I'VE BEEN FOLLOW-ING THIS ROUTINE FOR YEARS NOW ...!!!

WELL, HISAKAWA AND HER BOYFRIEND WERE GONNA GO SHOPPING.

LET'S GO DO THAT TOO.

HUH ...?

I KNOW— HOW 'BOUT WE HEAD OUT FOR A BIT?

WHAT KIND OF PLAN DO YOU HAVE IN MIND...?

YOU'RE SO COM-POSED ...

IN AN ENTIRELY NATURAL WAY, YOU PULLED ME INTO YOUR PACE...

YOU'RE AMAZ-ING, RYOU-SUKE-KUN.

HE HAS NO PLAN.

IT'S A DATE !!!

OKAY !!!

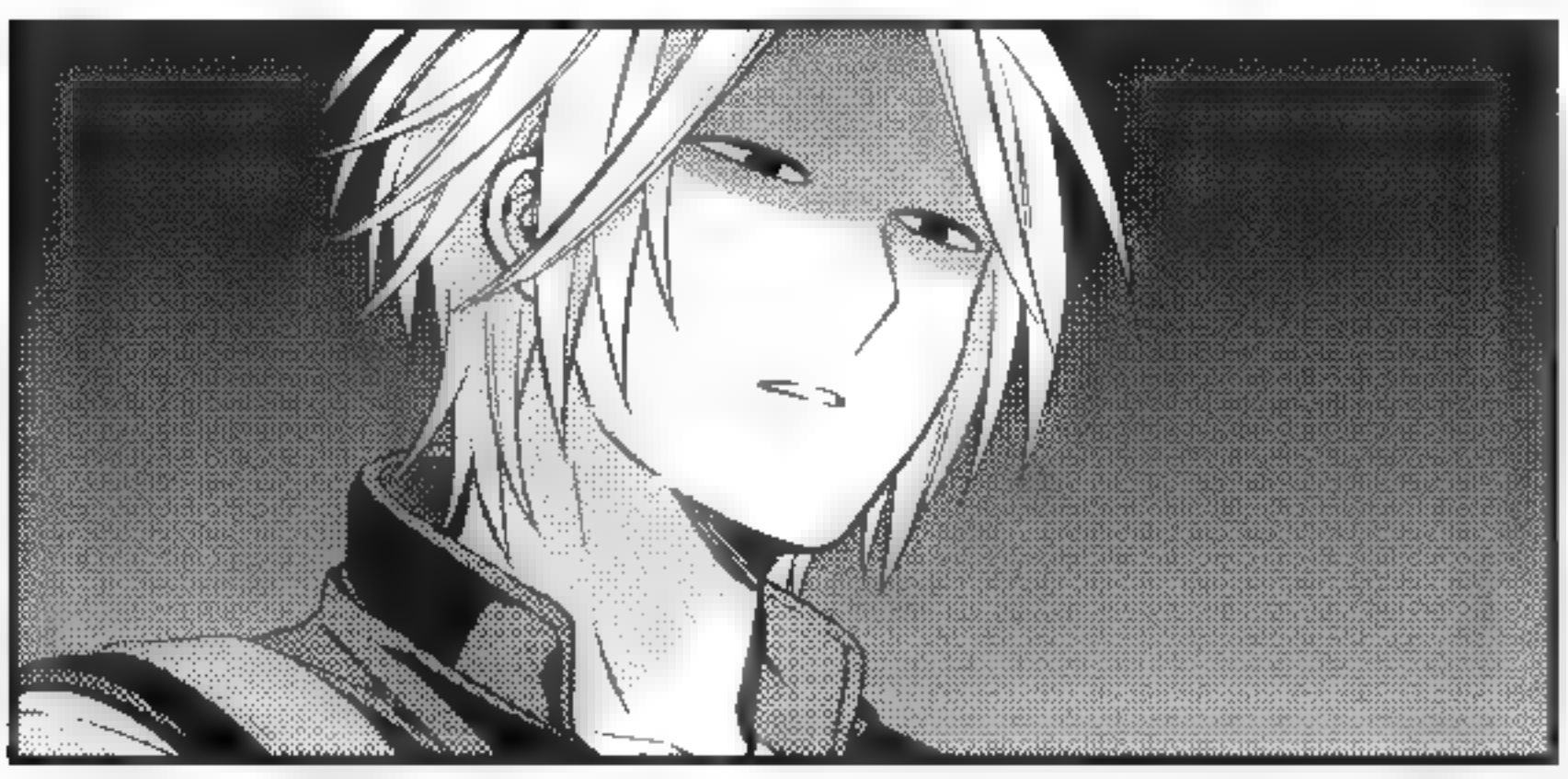
I CAN START DOING THAT TOMORROW.
OH, SURE!
WILL YOU PICK OUT MY CLOTHES EVERY DAY IF WE START DATING?
JUST, KIDDING!
WHA ...?
THAT'S IT...!!!
YES ...!!!
THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD ON YOU!!!
WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?
WHOA!
OH! THAT'S CUTE!
YOU SHOULD ...GO WITH THIS!
IN THAT CASE...
A CLOTHING STORE ...

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF.
HMMM.
I WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL I SEE YOU IN IT, SO YOU SHOULD TRY IT ON.
ACK !!?
... WOULD THIS LOOK GOOD ON ME?
RYOU-SUKE-KUN ...

YOU'D RATHER HAVE A PRO DO IT, RIGHT?
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WORKS AT THIS STORE. I'LL HAVE HER PICK SOMETHING FOR YOU.
OH!
UGH !!?
I'D REALLY LIKE IT IF YOU PICKED OUT SOME CLOTHES FOR MEEE!
UMMM ...

THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE ...!!!
THIS CHARAC-TER ISN'T DOING WHAT I WANT HIM TO DO...
OH, THERE SHE IS. LONG TIME NO SEE!
OH, WELCOME!

DISASTER IN PANEL 2



I'M GONNA HAVE TO BE MORE ON POINT ...!!!
NII-CHAN.
NII-CHAN.
NII-CHAN.
LONG-HAIRED CHARACTERS ARE TERRIFYING...
YOU WORK FAST ...!!!
WELL PLAYED, RYOU-SUKE-KUN.
THAT WAS A SHOCK ...
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DOKI
DOKI
DOKI (BADUM)

YOU'RE CUTE ENOUGH WITHOUT WEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
... NAH ...
THIS HAIR CLIP IS SO CUTE!
OH, LOOK AT THIS, RYOU-SUKE-KUN!

YOU'RE PRETTY JUST AS YOU ARE.
... NAH ...
MAYBE I SHOULD WORK OUT A LITTLE!!
OH, LOOK! DUMB-BELLS !!

EEEK ...!!!
E—
I...
...LIKE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.

THAT DOESN'T COUNT!!!
SAYING IT LIKE THAT IS AGAINST THE RULES!!!
THE THEME IS A NATURAL CONFES-SION!!!
R-RYOU-SUKE-KUN!!! NO FAIR!!!

OKAY ... YEAH ... UHH ...
DO YOU GET IT!!?
YEAH !!!
A CONFES-SION!!
A NATURAL CONFES-SION ...

...AND SHE'S BEEN BULLYING THIS BOY, WHO'S HER KOUHAI ...
...SHE'S A SELFISH BRAT...
...IS GOOD AT SPORTS, BUT ...
MY SISTER ...

WHAT'S WITH THIS CONFES-SION ...!!?
...SHE TOOK IN A STRAY DOG...
AND THE OTHER DAY...

PLAYING AT A NATURAL CONFES-SION... THAT'S A NEW ONE...

...HAVE BEEN DOING STUPID STUFF LIKE THAT ALL THIS TIME?

...SO YOU TWO ...

HE'S REALLY LOUD, SO CAN YOU SHUT HIM UP?

HE'S RUINING THE BOOZE.

APPARENTLY, HIS LITTLE SISTER IS A BIT OF A HAND-FUL...

OH! ...

YOU'RE FINE JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, MIYAKO!!!

PLEASE, MIYAKO! JUST DON'T BECOME LIKE MY SISTER !!

WAAAAAH!

BUT HOW'D HE END UP LIKE THAT...?

...so I don't think I'll ever meet your sister...

...never going to your house...

I'm ...

UMM...

Every-thing's okay, Ryousuke-kun. Don't worry.

...TURNED HIM DOWN COMPLETELY NATURALLY ...!!!

(SHOCK)

...JUST ... SHE ...

...

M—

MIYA-KOOO-OO!!!

GOOD!!!

IT REALLY SUITS YOU, MIYAKO! SO GREAT!!!

HUH ...?

UM ...

OHHH! IF YOU DO IT THIS WAY, IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD!!!

OH! WHAT ABOUT THIS !!? THIS ISN'T LIKE YUZUKI AT ALL!!!

TH- THEN I'LL GET TWO...

U- UM ...

NOT IF YOU MAKE IT REALLY HIGH UP. SEE!!?

THE MYSTERIOUS SALES PITCH AND THE WOMAN WHO CAN'T SAY NO

AH HA HA HA.
HOW RUDE!
YOU SURE YOU'RE REALLY DATING?
...AREN'T VERY TOUCHY- FEELY, ARE YOU...? YOU KNOW, YOU TWO ...
YOU LOOK LIKE REGULAR FRIENDS!

HA!
I WON'T GET FLUSTERED THAT EASILY, YOU KNOW!
SERIOUSLY, I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU. I TOTALLY LOVE YOU! ♡
HO-HO-HO-HO-HO!
HAVE YOU SAID "I LOVE YOU!♡" YET?
HISAKAWA-SAN!

WHAA—!?
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING!!?
WAIT— HAVE YOU NOT ACTU-ALLY SAID IT YET!!?
DON'T GET ALL BITTERSWEET ON US NOW!!!

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REALLY !!?

IS THAT TRUE!?

Hm?

Today's not a work day, you know.

I'M DOING MY DRAFT.

OH! NOZAKI-KUN, IT'S SAKURA!

Yes?

PINPOON (DING-DONG)

...IT'S JUST ME AND NOZAKI-KUN ...!!?

SO TODAY ...

I'M USUALLY HERE HELPING WITH SOMEONE ELSE, BUT THIS TIME, IT'S JUST ME ...

.....

WELL, SINCE YOU'RE HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME IN.

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

WE'RE SO ALIKE!

BIRDS OF A FEATHER!!

DID YOU GET THE WRONG DAY TOO?

HMM? OH, IT'S SAKU-RA.

I'M GETTING ERASED ...!!!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THERE TO BE TWO PEOPLE LIKE THIS, MIKORIN ...

WHAT?
MAYU-KUN!?
DOING HOSPI-TALITY!?
YOU'RE HERE!!?
CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT!!?
TOMA-TA-TA
ANY-WAY ...
...I'LL LET MAYU TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
KEEP THEM OCCUPIED.

NO!
WE'RE NOT GONNA SLEEP !!!
STOP IT!!!
A FUTON !!?
SESE (ZOOM)
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せっ
LEAVE IT TO ME.

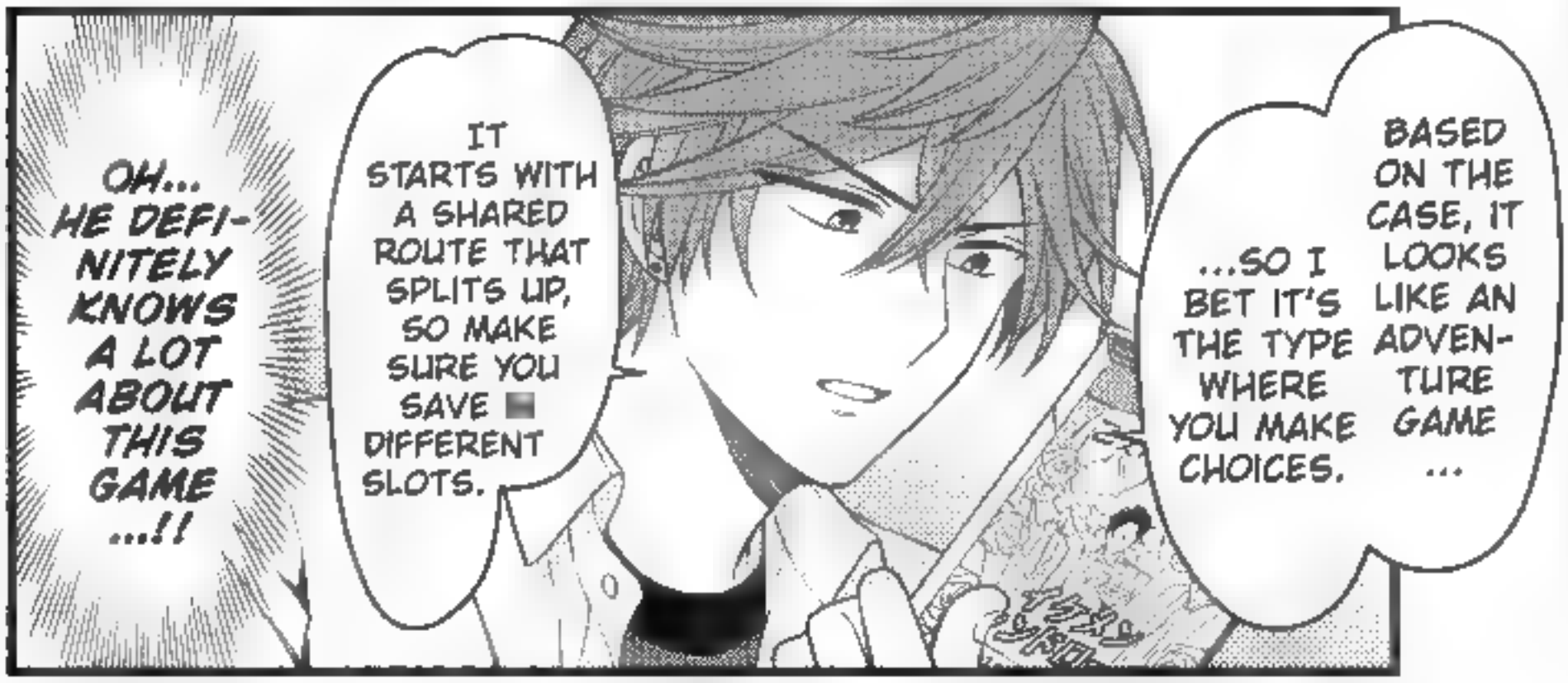
Y—
LET'S DO SOMETHING THAT INVOLVES US BEING AWAKE!!
YEAH!
OKAY!!?
Y—
...WENT TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO GET THEM OUT. SORRY !!!
YOU...
SHUN (DROOP) しゅん...
.....

DON'T TRY TO PUT US IN A HOLD !!!
BA (WHOOSH)
ばっ!!

CASE: OTOME GAME IKEMEN SYNDROME

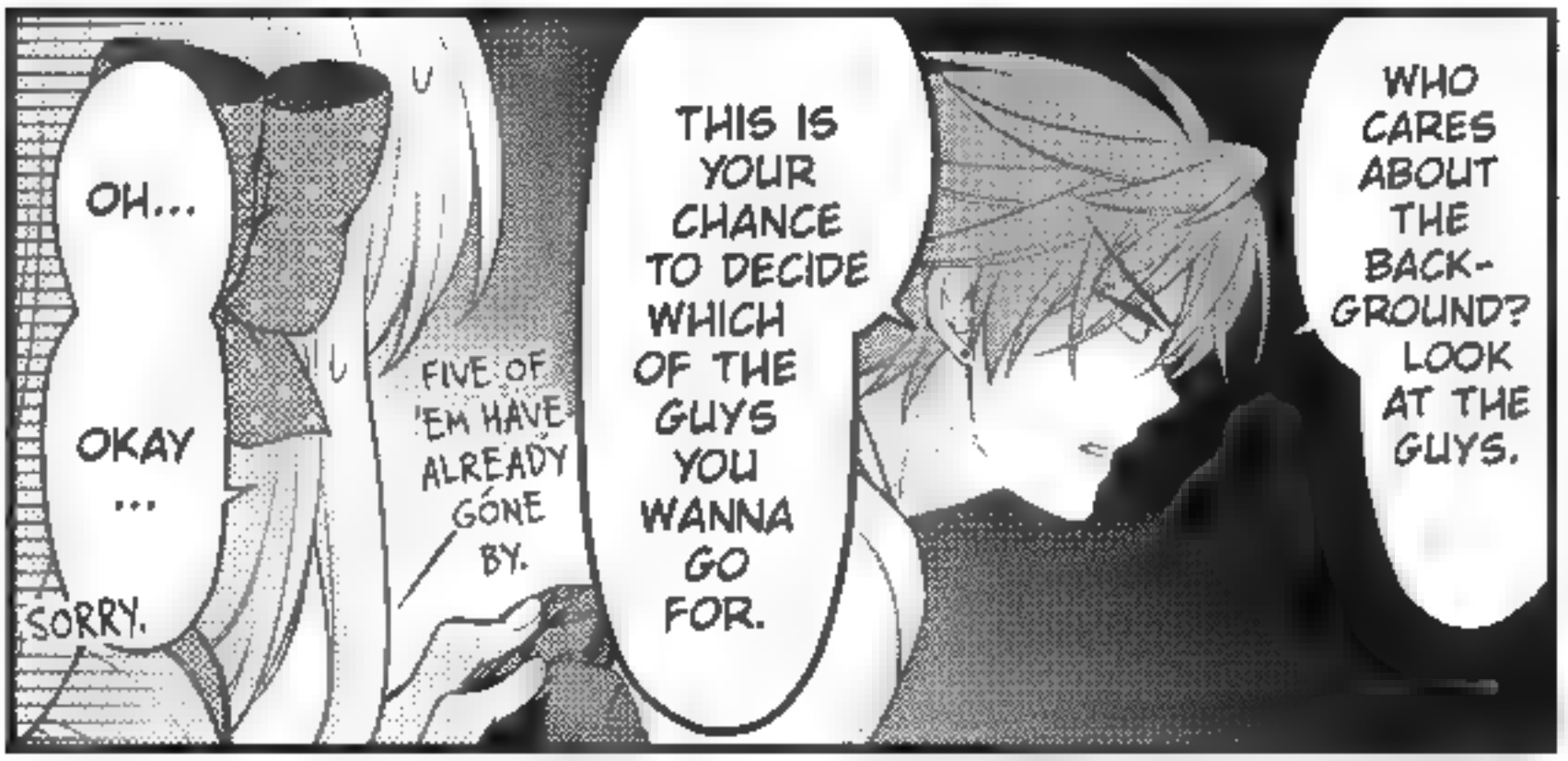
IT'S NOT FOR ME!!!
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS WAS MEANT FOR MIKO-RIN...
THEY DECIDED TO PLAY IT.
I JUST LOVE CHEESE-CAKE!
I THINK YOU SHOULD PLAY IT!!
BUT WHY IS THIS FOR ME ...?

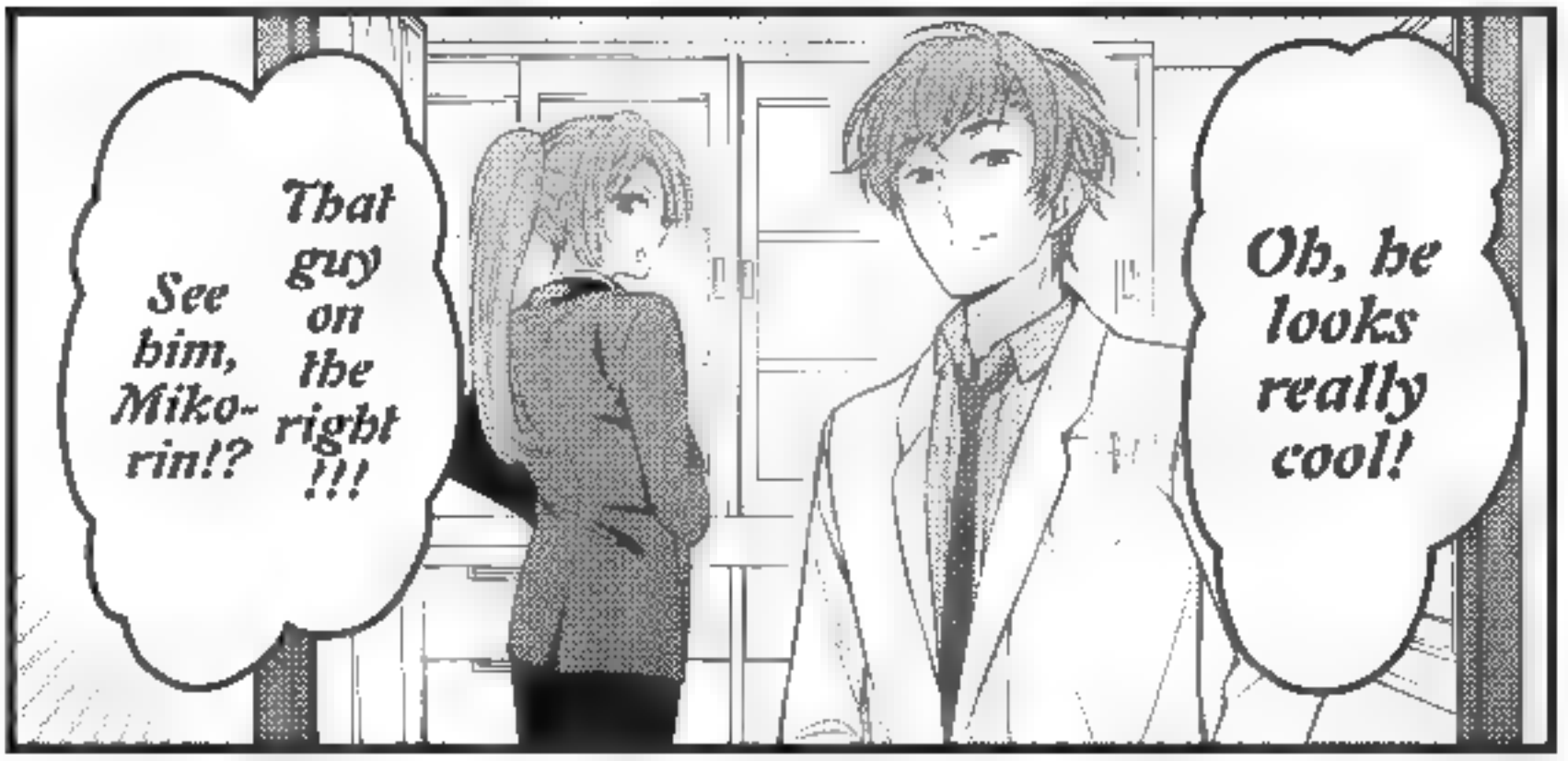
AGH!
IT'S NOT LIKE I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OTOME GAMES EITHER, YOU KNOW!!!
U—
...
WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO DO NOW?
UMM, MIKO-RIN ...

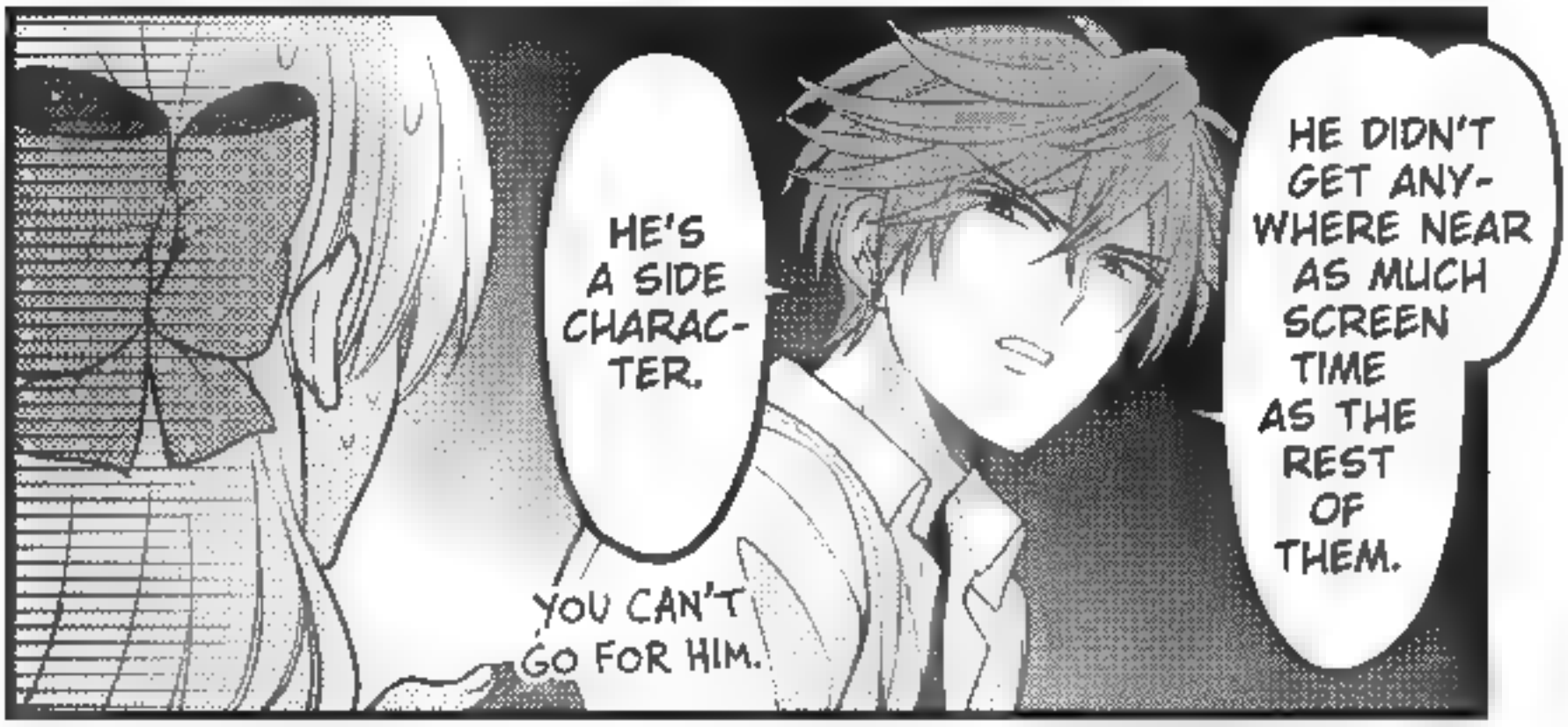

OH... HE DEFI-NITELY KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THIS GAME ...!!
IT STARTS WITH A SHARED ROUTE THAT SPLITS UP, SO MAKE SURE YOU SAVE ■ DIFFERENT SLOTS.
...SO I BET IT'S THE TYPE WHERE YOU MAKE CHOICES.
BASED ON THE CASE, IT LOOKS LIKE AN ADVEN-TURE GAME ...

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE TALKING ABOUT ...?
YOU CAN WIN.
...SO I THINK YOU SHOULD RAISE THEM.
IF THERE'S A FIELD DAY IN THE GAME, YOU NEED GOOD SPORTS SKILLS...

OHHH!
OH WOW, THE BACK-GROUNDS ARE SO PRETTY !!!
THEY'RE MOVING!!
THAT'S THE OPENING MOVIE.
A VIDEO STARTED PLAYING !!!
OH WOW !!!

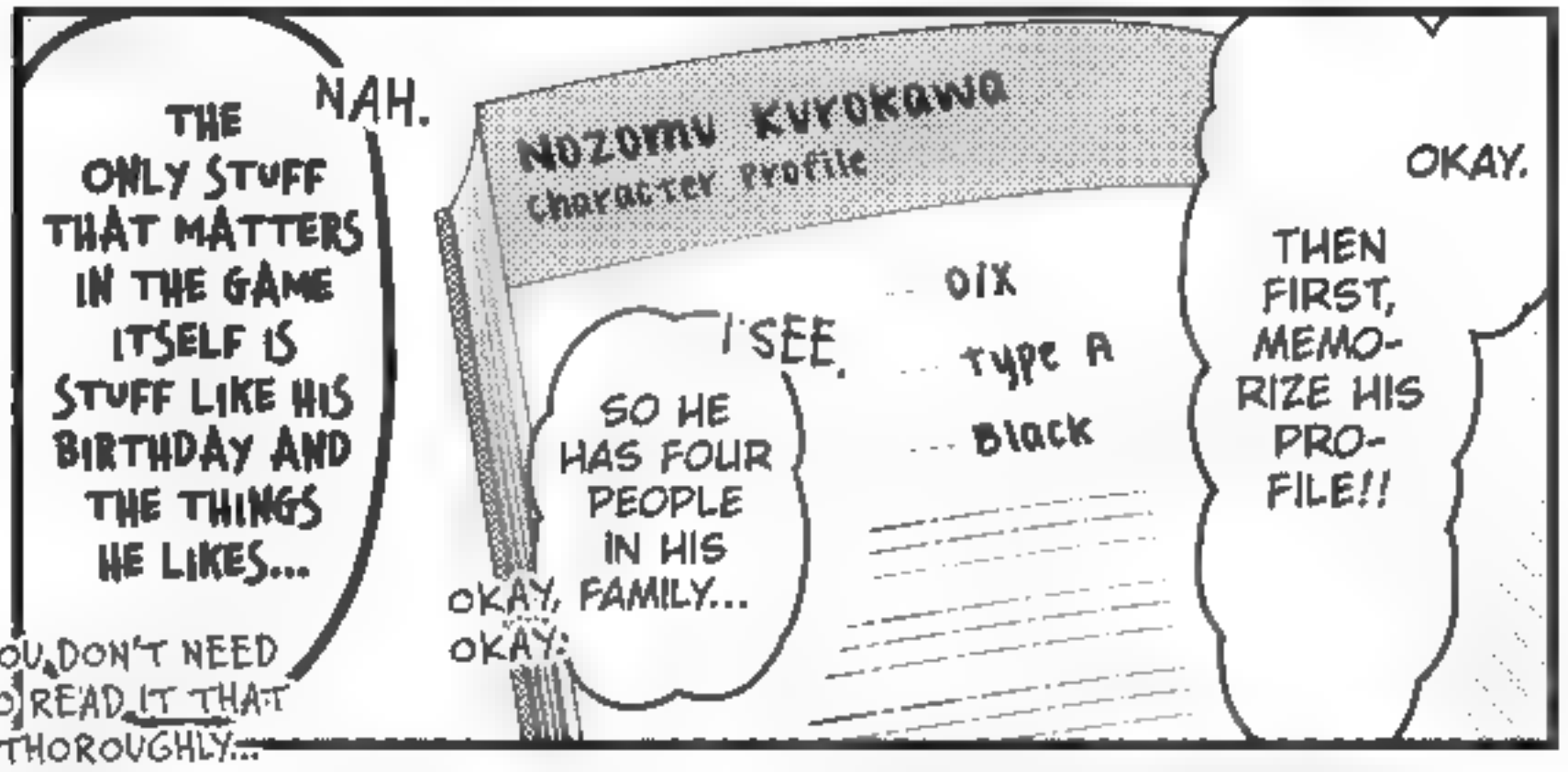

OH...
OKAY ...
SORRY.
FIVE OF 'EM HAVE ALREADY GONE BY.
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE GUYS YOU WANNA GO FOR.
WHO CARES ABOUT THE BACK-GROUND? LOOK AT THE GUYS.


See him, Miko-rin!?
That guy on the right !!!
Oh, he looks really cool!


HE'S A SIDE CHARAC-TER.
YOU CAN'T GO FOR HIM.
HE DIDN'T GET ANY-WHERE NEAR AS MUCH SCREEN TIME AS THE REST OF THEM.

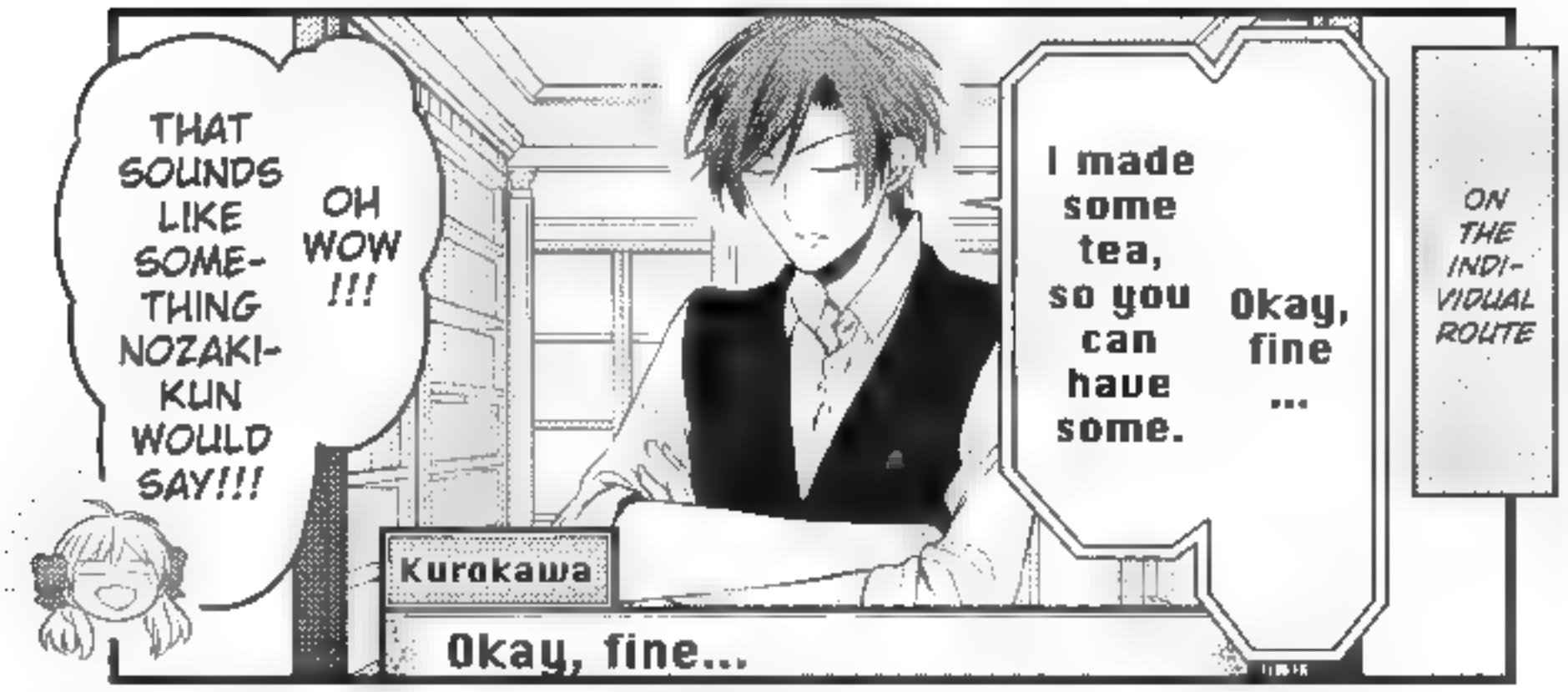
HE REMINDS ME OF NOZAKI-KUN!!!
I LIKE HIM !!!
OH, THIS ONE !!!
The Brusque Author
Nozomu Kyrokawa

YEAH!
YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR IT, RIGHT?
OKAY, SO, TO GET HIM, YOU BASICALLY ACT LIKE A STALKER.
KEEP GOING AFTER HIM.

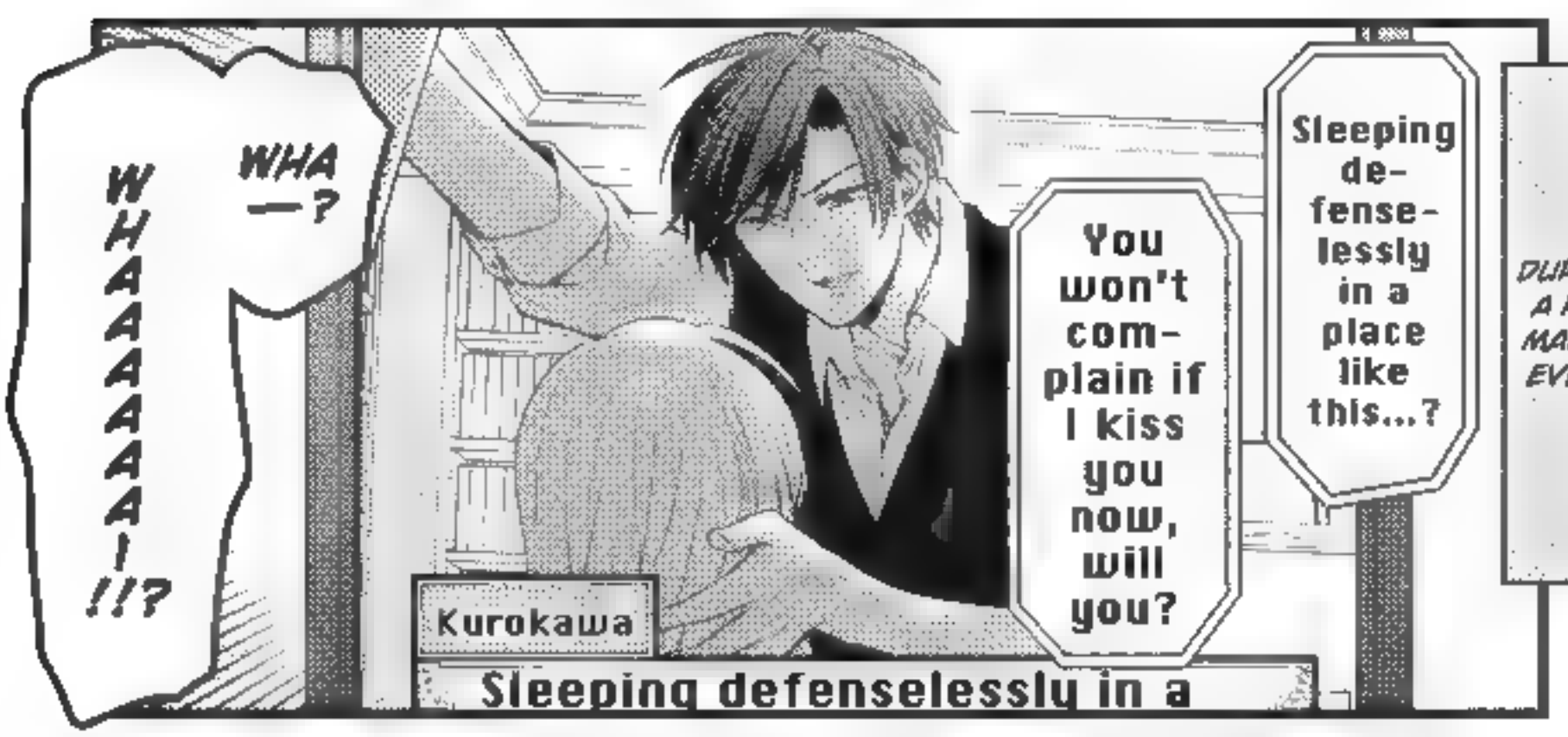

NAH.
THE ONLY STUFF THAT MATTERS IN THE GAME ITSELF IS STUFF LIKE HIS BIRTHDAY AND THE THINGS HE LIKES...
YOU DON'T NEED TO READ IT THAT THOROUGHLY...
Nozomu Kyrokawa
Character Profile
... O1X
... Type A
... Black
I SEE.
SO HE HAS FOUR PEOPLE IN HIS FAMILY...
OKAY, OKAY.
THEN FIRST, MEMO-RIZE HIS PRO-FILE!!
OKAY.

STOP!!! DON'T BRING THE REAL WORLD INTO THIS !!!
IT'S NOT THAT SORT OF GAME!!!
In-Game Map
IF I HAVE TO STAY A LONG TIME, THEN IT'D BE MORE NATURAL TO DO IT HERE.
SO THAT MEANS HE LIKES HERE "QUIET OR PLACES." HERE ...

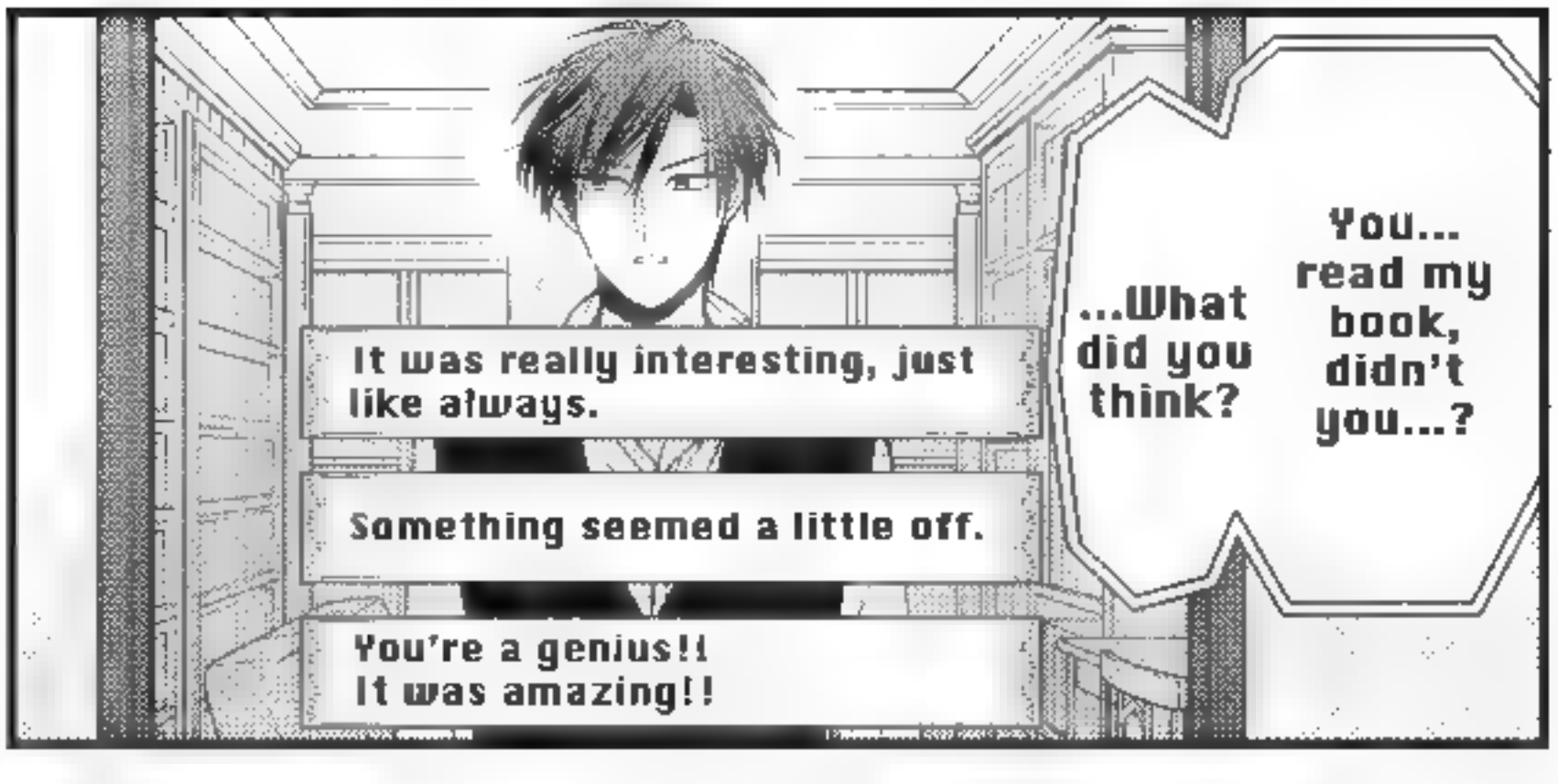
So, he...
IF YOU GET IT WRONG, YOU'LL ONLY GET TO HEAR SOME GOSSIP.
OH, HERE... IF YOU PICK THE RIGHT ONE, YOU'LL RUN INTO HIM.
Hey!
Where should I go?
Library
Museum
Department Store
OH, MIKORIN, I HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE!!
WHAT IS THIS?=
OHHH !!!
THAT'S GREAT !!!
YOU GOT IT FIRST TRY!!
PIRON (JINGLE)
LIBRARY
Kurokawa
Oh, it's you...
HUH !?
BUT WHY !!?
JUST KEEP GOING!!!
Loading...
Load-ing...
PI (BEEP)
YOU'RE WAY TOO THOR-OUGH. IT'S SCARY!!!
I HAVE TO HEAR IT ALL BEFORE I GO THERE !!!
I NEED ALL THE INFORMATION FOR MYSELF...!!
BUT THERE'S GOSSIP, RIGHT !!?


THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOME-THING NOZAKI-KUN WOULD SAY!!!
OH WOW !!!
Kurokawa
Okay, fine...
I made some tea, so you can have some.
Okay, fine ...
ON THE INDI-VIDUAL ROUTE

GIRLS REALLY DO LIKE THIS SORT OF GAME...
SHE'S REALLY GETTING INTO THIS...
I CAN'T HELP BUT SMIII-IILE.
WAAAAH!
When I look at you, I feel like I could write an entire book.

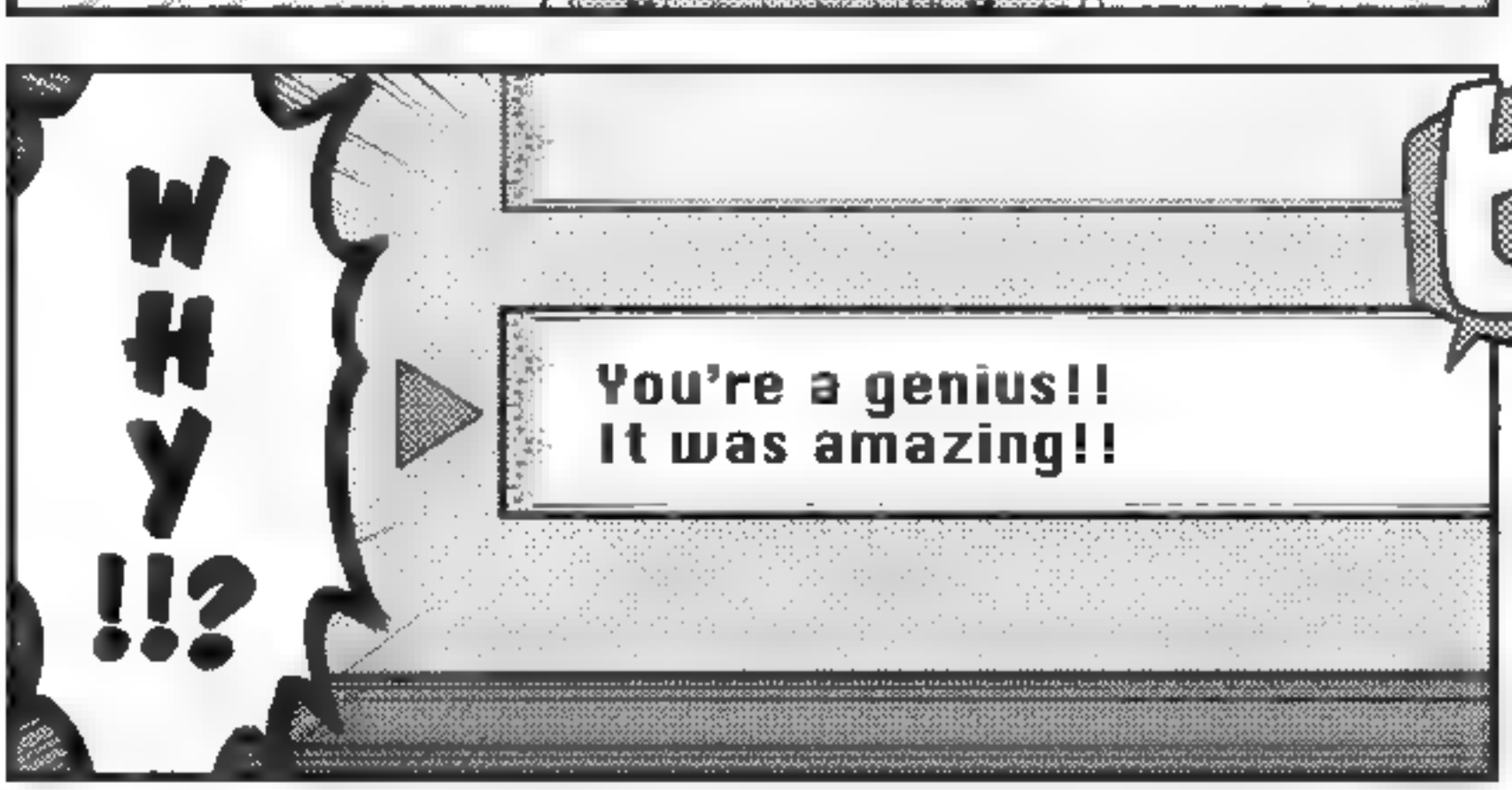

WHAAAAA-!!?
WHA —?
Kurokawa
Sleeping defenselessly in a
You won't com-plain if I kiss you now, will you?
Sleeping de-fense-lessly in a place like this...?
DURING A RO-MANCE EVENT

HER SENSE OF RO-MANCE IS TOTALLY SCREWED UP...
Loading.
そっ...
SO (GLIDE)
THIS IS JUST WEIRD! I'M DOING IT OVER!!
IF SOMEONE'S SLEEPING, HE'S SUPPOSED TO GET A PILLOW AND BLANKET, ISN'T HE!?
THAT'S NOT RIGHT !!


It was really interesting, just like always.
Something seemed a little off.
You're a genius!! It was amazing!!
...What did you think?
You... read my book, didn't you...?

SOMETHING THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT THAT YOU NOTICED BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM ALL THIS TIME ...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
PROB-ABLY THE MIDDLE ONE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS RIGHT?
...FEED-BACK FOR AN AUTHOR WITH A FEW WORRIES ...

SHOW US THE RESULTS OF ALL THE EXTRA TIME YOU SPENT STALKING!!
YEAH ...
CHIYO-SAN LOOKS COMPLETELY CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS.


WHY!!?
You're a genius!! It was amazing!!
PI (BEEP)

HUH!?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
I THOUGHT I COULD CHOOSE ANOTHER ONE AFTER THAT...
HUH!? I CAN ONLY CHOOSE THE ONE!?
You're... mocking me, aren't you?
GACHA (KACHAK)

OH, NOZAKI-KUN!!!
OF COURSE!!!
I'D LOVE TO READ IT!!
SORRY TO BUG YOU WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN, BUT CAN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT MY ROUGH DRAFT?

THIS CHAPTER IS REALLY FUN, JUST LIKE ALWAYS !!
It was really interesting, just like always.
WOW!! I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WAS WHERE THE STORY WAS GOING AFTER LAST TIME!!
You're a genius!! It was amazing!!

SHE USED THEM ALL ...!!!
WHAT MAMIKO'S DOING...
BUT IF I HAVE TO CRITIQUE SOMETHING, THIS SEEMS A LITTLE WEIRD HERE...
Something seemed a little off.

SA-KURA... YOU...

... REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THIS...

THAT'S A SURPRISE.

YOU CAN'T JUST SAY SOME-THING IS WRONG TO THEM.

WRITERS ARE DELICATE CREA-TURES.

TOO STOIC ...

HE'S JUST TOO STOIC ABOUT IT...

I want you to be stricter with me about your opinions.

...THIS GUY MIGHT NOT REALLY BE A WRITER ...

YEAH. GIVEN THIS STORY ...

TOO PATHET-IC...

Kurokawa

I want you to be nicer to me about your opinions! Praise me! Tell me it's interesting!!!

NOZAKI-KUN WOULD PROBABLY BE LIKE THIS.

THIS PERSON HAS PROB-LEMS...

Kurokawa

Getting feedback from others is bothersome for writers, so I'll think about it on my own!

AND MIYAKO-SAN WOULD PROBABLY BE LIKE THIS.

MIKOTO-SAN, LOOK.

POOR GIRL...

I DON'T THINK SHE'S GONNA GET ALL EXCITED OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

CHIYO-SAN IS...

IT FINALLY HAP-PENED, RIGHT AT THE END!!!

I THINK THIS IS THE LOVE CON-FESSION SCENE.

OOOOH!

HERE IT IS!!!

A REAL HEART-POUNDING MOMENT!!!

Will you... stay with me...?

THERE'S ONLY ONE POS-SIBLE CHOICE !!!

URO (HESITATE)

URO

URO

I love you...!!

There's some-one else...

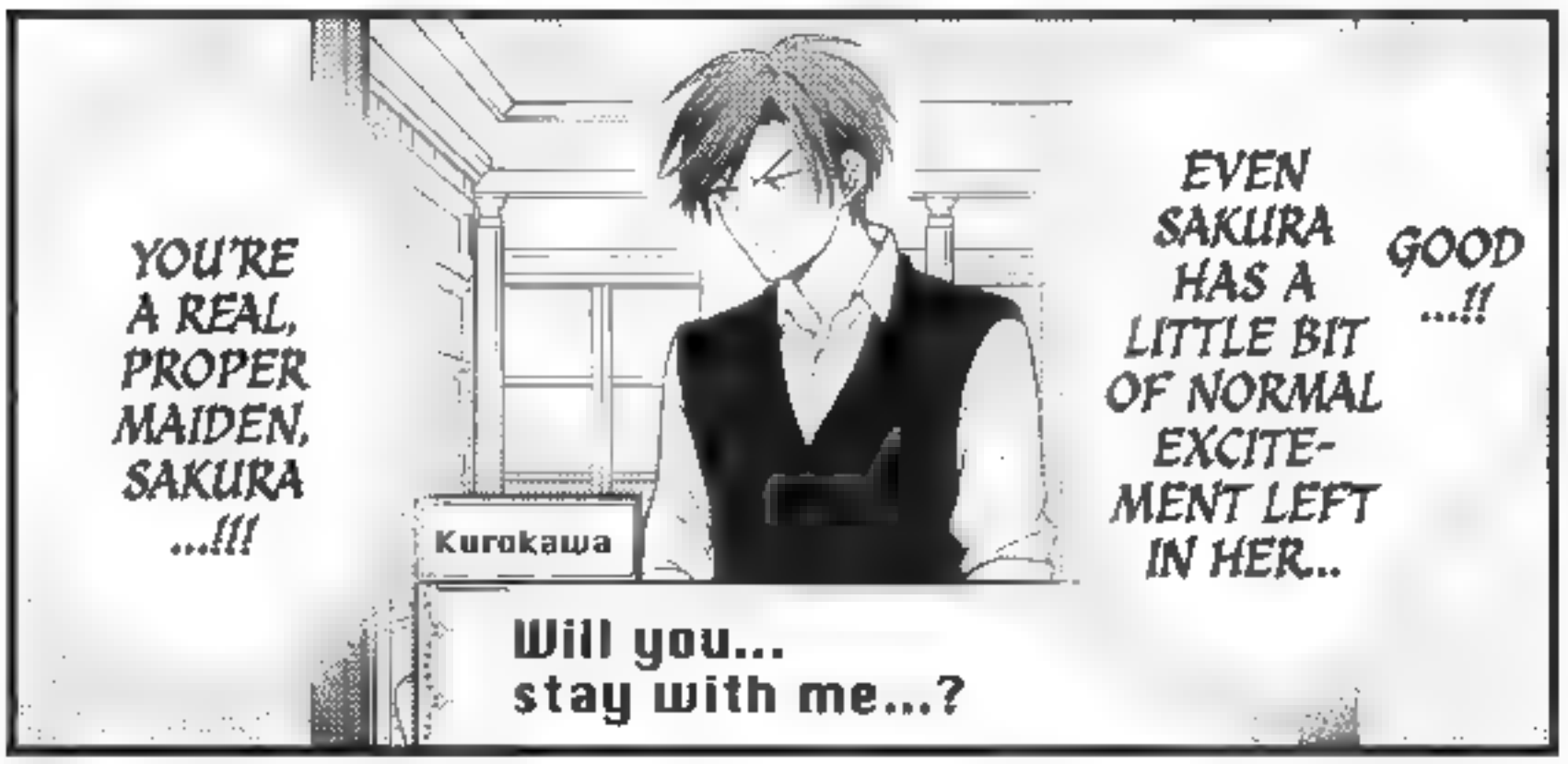
I can't.

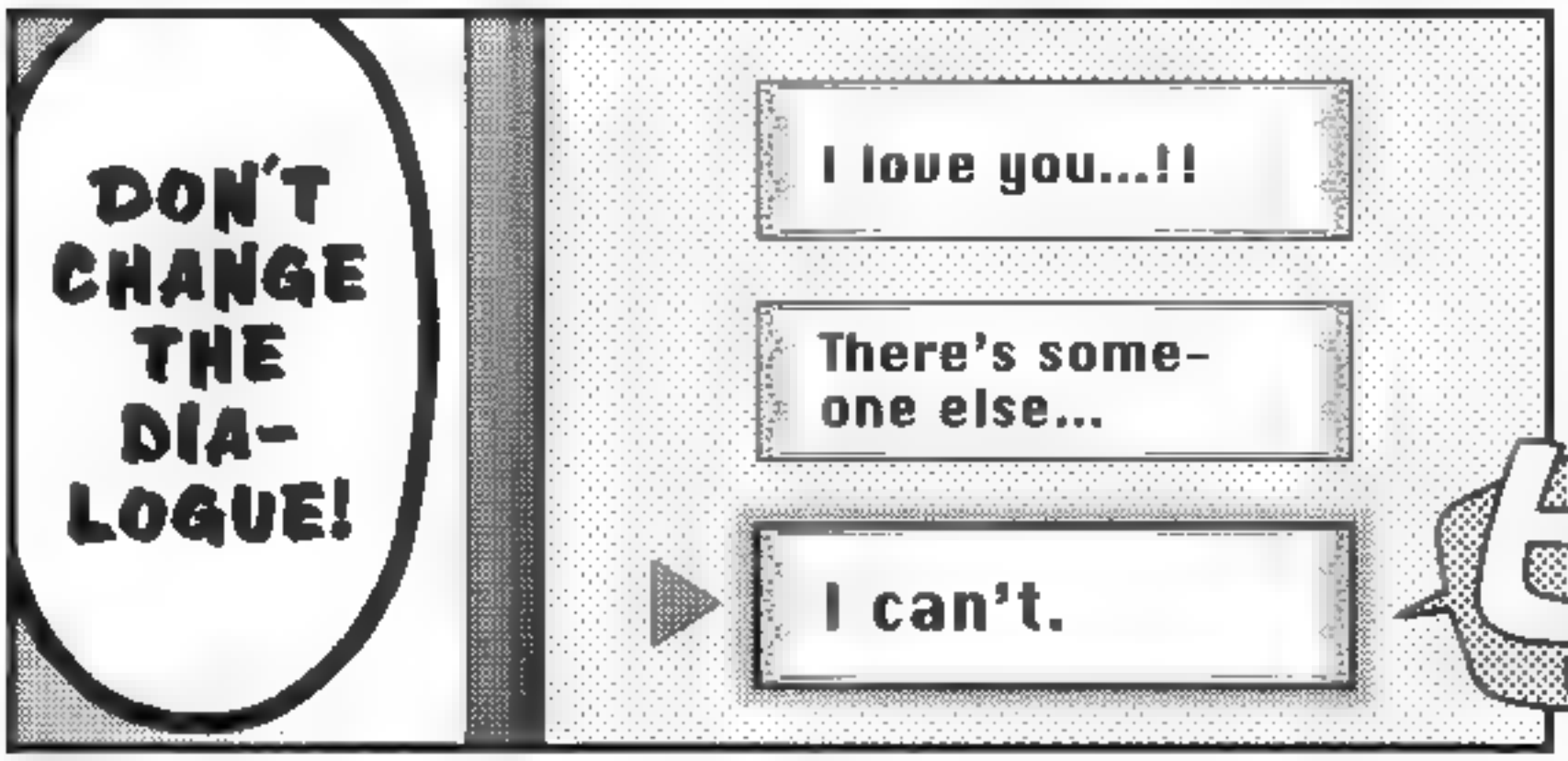
B—

BOTTOM ... MIDDLE ... TOP...?

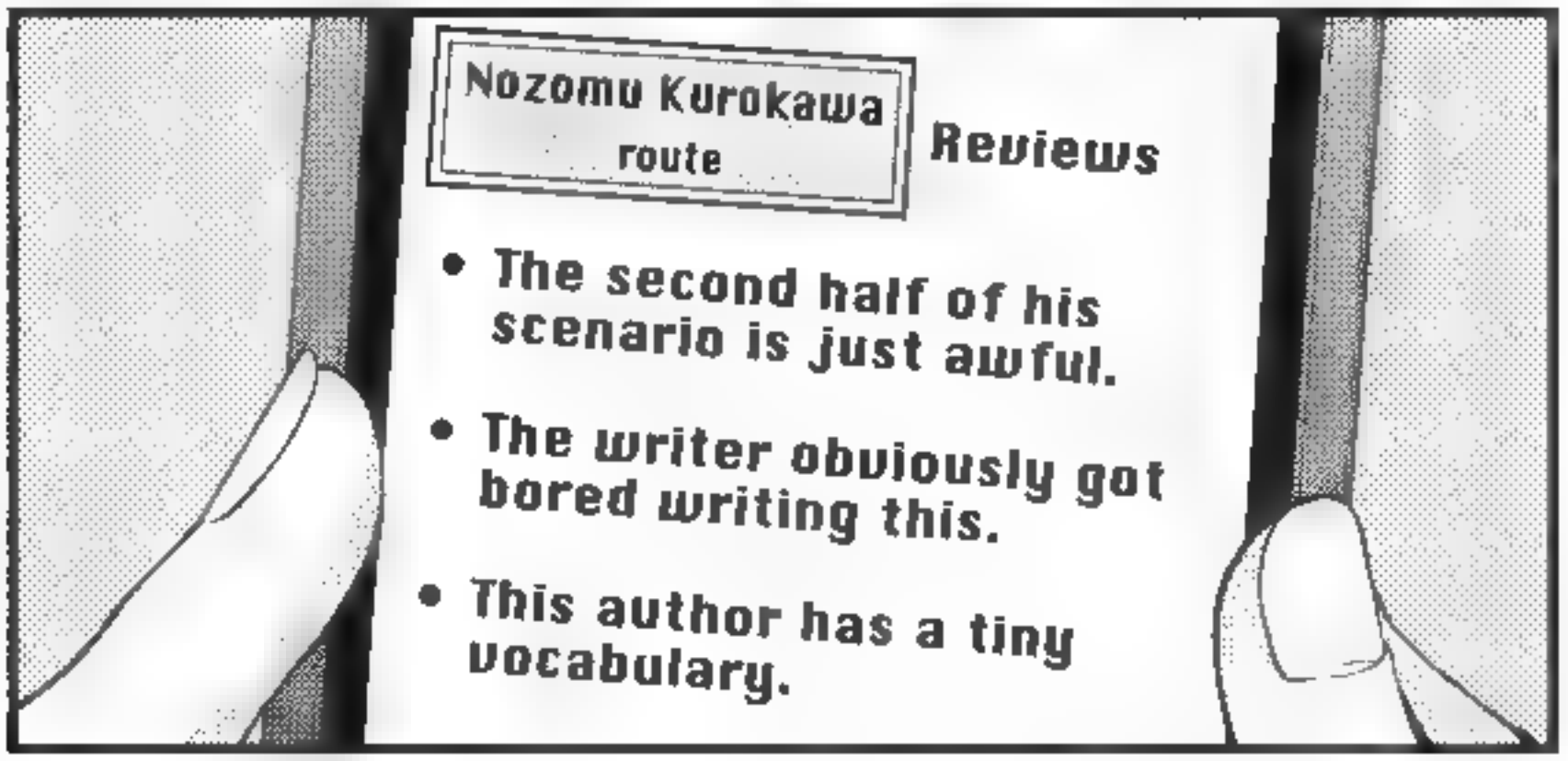
THAT WAS SOOO EXCIT-ING!!!
KYAAAAAA!!
HE WAS JUST SO COOL DURING THE SECOND HALF!!!

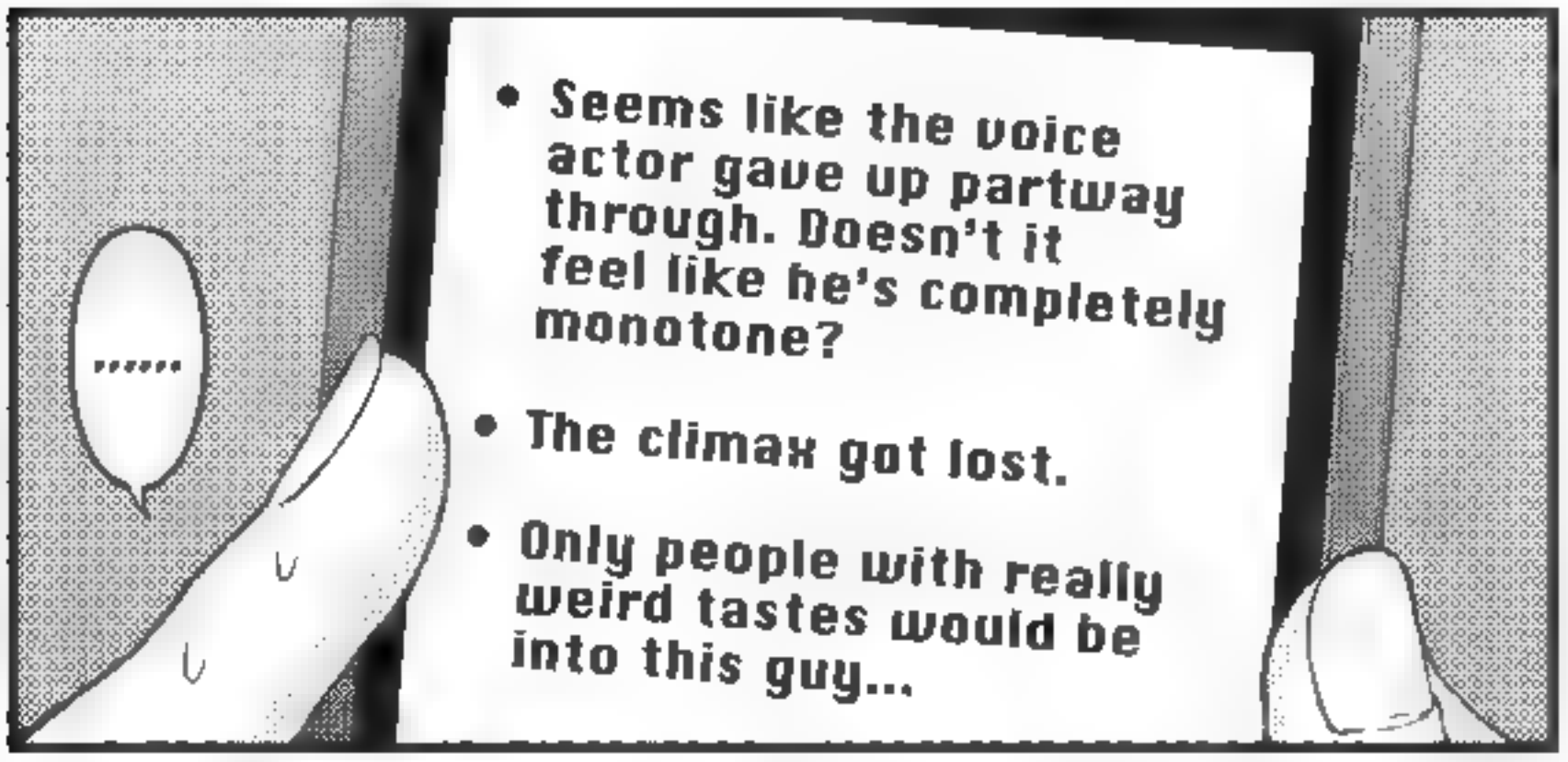
SURE PLAY !! IT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
THE CONFESSION SCENE!!
KYAA!
KYAA!
CAN I SEE THAT AGAIN? CAN I!?

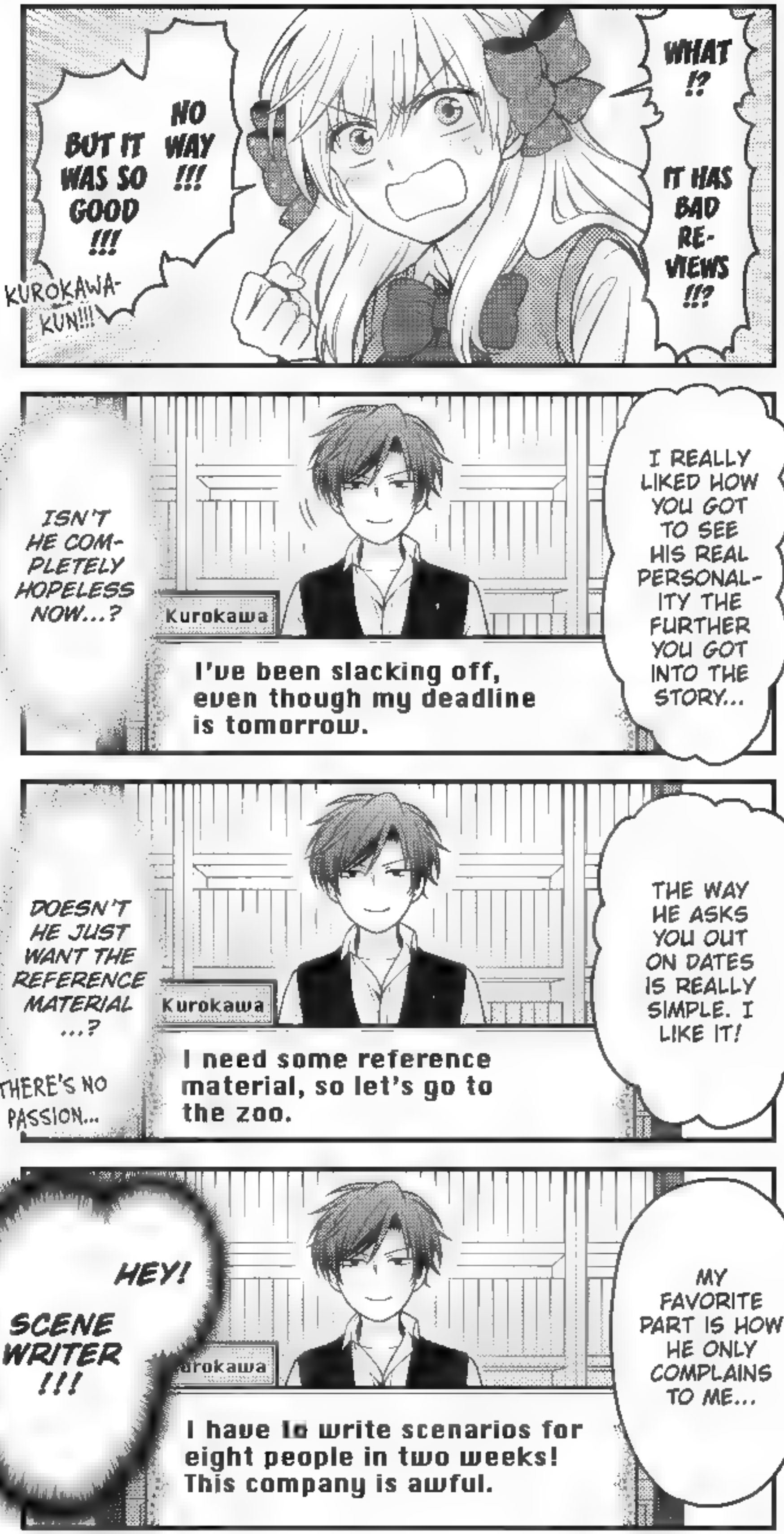

YOU'RE A REAL, PROPER MAIDEN, SAKURA ...!!!
Kurokawa
Will you... stay with me...?
EVEN SAKURA HAS A LITTLE BIT OF NORMAL EXCITE-MENT LEFT IN HER..
GOOD ...!!


DON'T CHANGE THE DIA-LOGUE!
I love you...!!
There's some-one else...
I can't.
PI (BEEP)

THAT GIRL IS HOPELESS






WHAT !?
IT HAS BAD RE-VIEWS !!?
NO WAY !!!
BUT IT WAS SO GOOD !!!
KUROKAWA-KUN!!!
ISN'T HE COM-PLETELY HOPELESS NOW...?
Kurokawa
I've been slacking off, even though my deadline is tomorrow.
I REALLY LIKED HOW YOU GOT TO SEE HIS REAL PERSONAL-ITY THE FURTHER YOU GOT INTO THE STORY...
DOESN'T HE JUST WANT THE REFERENCE MATERIAL ...?
THERE'S NO PASSION...
Kurokawa
I need some reference material, so let's go to the zoo.
THE WAY HE ASKS YOU OUT ON DATES IS REALLY SIMPLE. I LIKE IT!
HEY! SCENE WRITER !!!
I have to write scenarios for eight people in two weeks! This company is awful.
MY FAVORITE PART IS HOW HE ONLY COMPLAINS TO ME...

NO, HE ISN'T !!!!
N-N-N—
That's good.
Oh.
Yeah.
HE'S EVEN TALKING ALL MONOTONE!!!
WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS TOTALLY NOZAKI !!!

CHARARARA (JINGLE)
チャラララ♪

HEY, NOZAKI'S HAVING PROB-LEMS.
C—
HON-ESTLY, MIKO-RIN !!!
COME ON !!!
AN EVENT BE-GINS
Kurokawa
To be honest, I'm worried about something...

Kurokawa
My ex-girlfriend said she wants to try getting back together...

THE SPELL'S BROKEN ...!!!
... AWFUL, ISN'T IT...?
KURO-KAWA-KUN'S ROUTE IS KIND OF...

HMM. I'M NOT REALLY INTO THAT TYPE...

AWW... A BASE-BALL PLAYER ...?

NANA-HOSHI-KUN!!

WHAT ABOUT THIS NICE-LOOKING SPORTS BOY?

ANYWAY, WHY DON'T WE TRY SOME OF THE OTHER CHARAC-TERS?

MAGAZINE: PERFECT CAPTURE GUIDE / OTOME GAME

NICE ONE, MAYU !!!

Nana-hoshi-kun seems great!!!

...NII-SAN USED TO PLAY BASE-BALL.

YOU KNOW ...

HE'S ...

AND WHAT ABOUT THIS GUY?

I'm kinda inter-ested in Aota-kun too!!!

...IS REALLY CLOSE TO OUR SISTER.

NII-SAN ...

THAT'S KINDA WEIRD...

THIS AOTA-KUN IS REALLY INTO HIS SISTER ...

DON'T GET TIRED OF IT!!!

I RECOMMEND THEM ALL.

UHH.

THEY'RE ALL GUYS.

ACTU-ALLY, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE JUST LIKE NII-SAN.

CHIYO-SAN...

SAKIKO YUMENO-SENSEI BOOK SIGNING

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...EVER GET ASKED TO DO ANY SIGNINGS ...?

KEN-SAN... ...WHY DON'T I...

UH, WELL ... IT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP ON OUR END, BUT...

I COULD IF I WANT-ED TO !!?

GAH !!?

.....

DO YOU WANT TO DO ONE?

NO WAY... NO MATTER WHAT THE READERS SAY, MY WORK ISN'T GONNA CHANGE!!!

AFFECT IT!!?

GATA (CLATTER)

...IN YOUR CASE, HAVING A SIGNING WOULD PROBABLY AFFECT THE SERIES...

THAT'S DEFINITELY A CHANGE.

YOU CALLED?

...I'D PUT HIM IN AS MUCH AS THE MAIN CHARAC-TER!!

AND IF SOMEONE SAID THEY REALLY LIKED THE SIDE CHARACTER RYUUNO-SUKE-KUN...

IT'S A HOT GUY 'DO.

THOUGH, IF SOME-ONE SAID, "CHANGE SUZUKI-KUN'S HAIR! ♡" I'D PROBABLY DO IT!!!

YOUNG NOZAKI'S SECRET PLAN

HAH!
I GOT IT ...!!
My long-awaited high school debut!!
...WHEN THEY COME TO THE SIGNING, YOU KNOW!!
WHAT WILL THEY THINK!?
THIS IS WHO THEY WILL EXPECT...
THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT. JUST LOOK AT THIS SELF-PORTRAIT.
Sakiko Yumeno

WHY ARE YOU ASSUMING THEY'LL BE FOOLED!?
IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR SIZE.
SHE'S BIG...
SO BIG...
...THAT SOME-ONE AS BIG AS ME DRAWS ALL OF THIS...
THEY'LL PROB-ABLY BE REALLY SUR-PRISED ...
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CONFI-DENT ABOUT THAT !!?
DO YOU HAVE SOME SECRET PLAN!?
OF COURSE THEY WILL!!!
IT'S OKAY. THEY WON'T.
DON'T WORRY. THEY WON'T REALIZE I'M A GUY.

THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH !!!
...tailor-made for me.
I'll have a sailor uniform ...

MAGAZINE: ROMANCE

IT'S SO OBVIOUS

YOU GOTTA HIDE YOUR INTENTIONS BETTER...

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!

...BUT CAN STILL ...

...FAWN OVER ME.

...ANY-WAY...

I WANT TO HAVE A SIGNING WHERE FANS DON'T ACTUALLY SEE ME...

OH. THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

WE'LL COME UP WITH PLANS FROM THERE.

...SIMU-LATING A NORMAL SIGNING?

WHY DON'T WE START BY JUST...

HA HA HA. OF COURSE.

UM. COULD I SHAKE YOUR HAND?

THANK YOU.

HA HA HA.

I REALLY LIKE READING YOUR MANGA, YUMENO-SENSEI!!

YOU NEED TO HIDE YOUR INTEN-TIONS TOO!

MAYBE "LOVE YOU, CHIYO-CHAN♡"!

OH, PLEASE SIGN IT "TO CHIYO-CHAN♡"!

CAN I TOUCH YOUR STOM-ACH!?

CAN I HUG YOU!?

ON THE TABLE DURING THE EVENT

IT'S A SIGNING, SO THERE'S GONNA BE FLOWERS, RIGHT?

HM?

WHAT ARE THESE DRAWINGS FOR? WAIT.

I GUESS MIYAKO-SAN'S A SURE BET...

Yumeno-sensei, Congratulations on your signing!

Yukari Miyako

I'LL GET FLOWERS FROM SOME OF MY MANGA-KA FRIENDS THAT DAY.

HE'S INCLUDING ALL OF US IN THIS TOO...!!!

We love you, Sensei! ♡

Your assistants

AND I MIGHT GET SOME FROM MY ASSISTANTS TOO.

THAT'S JUST PAINFUL ...!!!

I'm so proud to be your editor, Yumeno-san. ♡

Ken Miya-mae

...FROM KEN-SAN.

AND THESE ARE THE FLOWERS I'LL RECEIVE IN THE MORNING...

AS A SURPRISE.

MY BOUQUET FOR YOU

REALLY !?

YEAH !!!

JUST WAIT A MINUTE !!!

OH, OH, OHH!

ME TOO!! I'LL ...

... SEND YOU SOME FLOWERS TOO, JUST FROM ME!!

SO... WHAT DO I WRITE ...?

Congratulations on your signing!

Someone who loves you ♡

—BUT IF I WROTE THAT ...

...IT'D BE WAY TOO OBVIOUS.

HMM... MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE IT A LITTLE VAGUER...

I'm always watching over over you. ♡

Your number 1 fan

—HMMM ...

HE MIGHT NOT REALIZE THIS IS FROM ME...

I'm always watching you...

Red Ribbon Person

KYUU (SQUEEEAK)

DON'T WRITE SOMETHING THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE PURPLE ROSE PERSON.

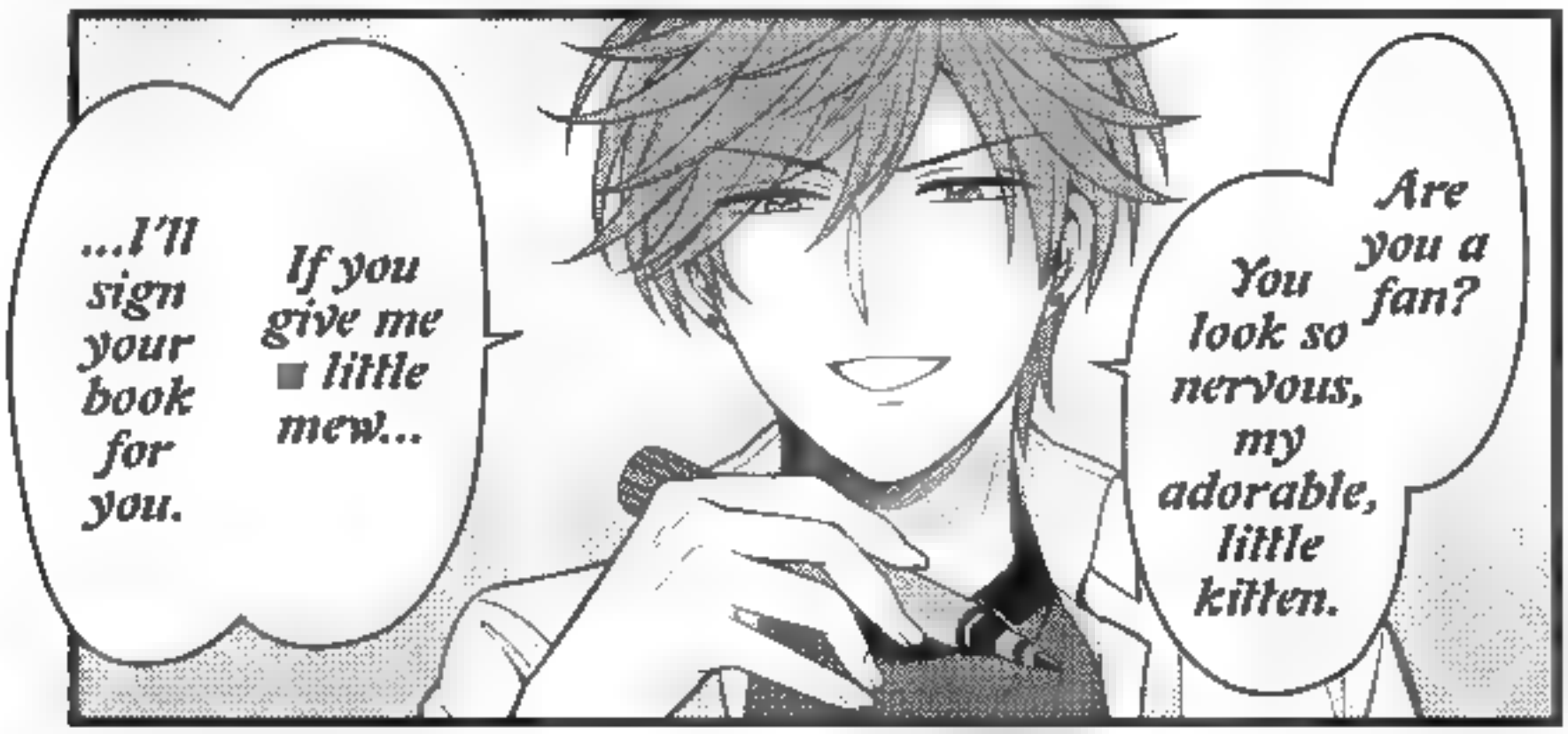
HUH !?
WHY ME!?
AS SAKIKO YUMENO.
I KNOW.
MIKOSHIBA, YOU SHOULD DO THE SIGNING FOR ME.

EH ...?
WHAT D'YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF THERE'S A HANDSOME GUY DRAW-ING SHOUJO MANGA?
OH O— ...?
ZUI (LOOM)
MIKO-SHIBA ... ... YOU'RE GOOD-LOOKING ...

I DON'T WANT THEM LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!
GYUN.
HE'S SO HOT...
WOW...
...BUT HE'S STILL A NERD WHO SITS AT A DESK AND DRAWS OTHER PEOPLE'S LOVE STORIES...
GYUN (RISE)
HUH...!? THERE'S A HOT GUY DRAWING SHOUJO MANGA...!?
IT'D PROBABLY BE LIKE THIS.

WHY ARE YOUR FANS ALL DISSING ME LIKE THAT...?
KYUN きゃん
HE RARELY CHANGES HIS HAIRSTYLE ...
KYUN きゃん
ALL THE ACCESSO-RIES ARE SO LAME.
KYUN (COO) きゃん
HE'S HOT, BUT HE HAS SUCH A HORRIBLE FASHION SENSE...
WHY NOT? IT HAS ITS OWN APPEAL, YOU KNOW...

SCENE OF CONFUSION



ME !!?
HUH !!?
SA-KURA, YOU DO IT!!!
WAIT A MINUTE! WOULDN'T IT BE WAY MORE NATURAL TO HAVE A GIRL DO IT !!?

NOW DO YOUR BEST NOZAKI, AND LET'S SIGN SOME AUTO-GRAPHS!!
ALL RIGHT!
NICE AND INNOCENT LOOKING!
OHH!
THAT'S GREAT, SAKURA. YOU LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL MANGA-KA!!

I LOVE SUZUKI-KUN! HE'S JUST SO COOL!♡
YES OH!!!
THANK YOU!!
SHAKU (QUIVER)
GIKU (CREAK)
YUMENO-SENSEI! I'M A HUGE FAN!!
UMM, YES!
OH, SUZU-KI!!?

THAT'S DEFI-NITELY LIKE NOZAKI !!!
IT'S EASY TO DRAW.
I GET MADE FUN OF FOR IT SOME-TIMES, BUT I ACTUALLY REALLY LIKE HIS FACE.

YOU GOTTA ANSWER WITH SOMETHING MORE, YOU KNOW, MATURE !!!

BUT B— WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

HE'S STILL THE HERO. NO BASHING HIM!!

WAIT—A MANGA-KA CAN'T JUST SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT!!!

YEAH, YEAH.

SHE'S REALLY DOING IT...

Thank you very much!!

Oh!

LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ IS SO INTEREST-ING!

TRYING IT AGAIN

SERIOUSLY, WHY DO YOUR FANS KEEP NITPICKING EVERY-THING!!?

Well, that's ...

Ah ha ha.

I'll keep that in mind ...

I—

AND THIS FORESHAD-OWING'S JUST A LITTLE...

BUT THIS PANEL LAYOUT IS KIND OF HARD TO FOLLOW.

SHE PASSED IT OFF TO KEN-SAN.

MY EDITOR IS RIGHT OVER HERE. YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM ABOUT THAT.

SO...
...WE CAN'T REALLY HAVE A SAKIKO YUMENO SIGNING WHERE YOU DON'T GET AN AUTOGRAPH FROM THE ACTUAL ARTIST...
BUT YOU KNOW ...
IT'S TOTALLY UNNATU-RAL.
TWO PEOPLE, ONE COAT.
...IT LOOKS TOTALLY NATURAL AND WORKS PER-FECTLY, RIGHT?
IF WE DO THIS ...
THEN I WANT MAMIKO ...
I GUESS THE ACTUAL ARTIST CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
OH, I SEE.
...I CAN EVEN DRAW THE FAN'S FAVORITE CHAR-ACTER FOR THEM.
COME ON. IF WE DO THIS...
THIS ISN'T ANY DIFFERENT THAN HAVING SAKURA DRAW IT.
REALLY.
HERE.

THEN I WANT THE SIDE CHAR-ACTER KAEDE-CHAN!
OKAY, FINE! JUST STOP WRIGGLING AROUND !!
IT'S REALLY CREEPY!!!
DOSU (WHAM)
ドス
DOSU
ドス
AGAIN! AGAIN!!
THAT'S JUST BECAUSE I WASN'T USED TO IT!!
SAKA
SAKA
SAKA (SLIDE)
さか
さか
さか
MOZO
もぞ
THIS ONE ...?
MOZO (WRIGGLE)
もぞ
VOLUME 4... .....
BOSO (WHISPER)
ぼそ...
OR IS IT VOLUME 3...?
BOSO
ぼそ...
MOZO
もぞ
HOLD IT OPEN LIKE THAT FOR A BIT.
OH THIS ... ...?
MOZO
もぞ
MOZO
もぞ
THIS BLACK-HAIRED ONE ...?
BOSO
ぼそ
NO ...?
BOSO
ぼそ
THAT'S NOT FOOLING ANYONE.
DON'T CHEAT RIGHT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE!
TEE-HEE-HEE!♡
I REALLY LIKE KAEDE-CHAN TOO!♡

But, but, buuut ...!!!
We're way too close! My back's super-hot!
I'm not!!!
So are you really okay like that...?
KOSO (WHISPER)

IT'S REALLY LAME LOOKING, BUT DON'T BLAME THAT, SAKURA !!!
!!!
!
KATAN (CLATTER)
...STAY LIKE THIS A LITTLE LONGER ...?
CAN I...

NOZAKI ...!!! YOU'RE NOT REALLY GONNA ...!!?
!!?
HUH!? THE RIGHT HAND IS NOZAKI, RIGHT?
NO-ZAKI ...!!!
...LIKE THIS A LITTLE LONGER TOO...
... WANT TO STAY ...
KATA (SHAKE)
ACTU-ALLY, I...
KATA
KATA

WHOOPS!
OH, THIS IS GOOD!
HE'S GONNA DO THE TWO PEOPLE, ONE COAT THING FOR REAL ...!!!
!!!
I HAVE DESSERT ...
SU (SLIDE)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MORE TO THE RIGHT, NOZAKI-KUN!!!

BECHO (SQUELCH)

IT'S NOZAKI-KUN'S RIGHT!!!

RIGHT!!? NOT THE LEFT!?

THE TWO PEOPLE, ONE COAT BIT WAS FUN.

...SO ...

... WELL ...

...YES, OF COURSE IT DOES.

YOU CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE STAND IN FOR YOU.

WE DECIDED IT REALLY DOES HAVE TO BE ME THERE IF WE DO ONE.

ABOUT THE SIGNING ...

NOT ONCE ...

I'LL NEVER DO A SIGNING ...

YES... SO...

I WANT TO BE HONEST WITH MY READERS.

WHAT PART OF THIS IS HONEST?

MANGA IS MY LOVE RIGHT NOW... ♡

I'M NOT GOING TO GET A BOY-FRIEND ...

SAKIKO YUMENO'S RECENT LIFE ♡

AH HA HA! ♡

I'M ACTUALLY REALLY POPULAR IN MY CLASS! ♡

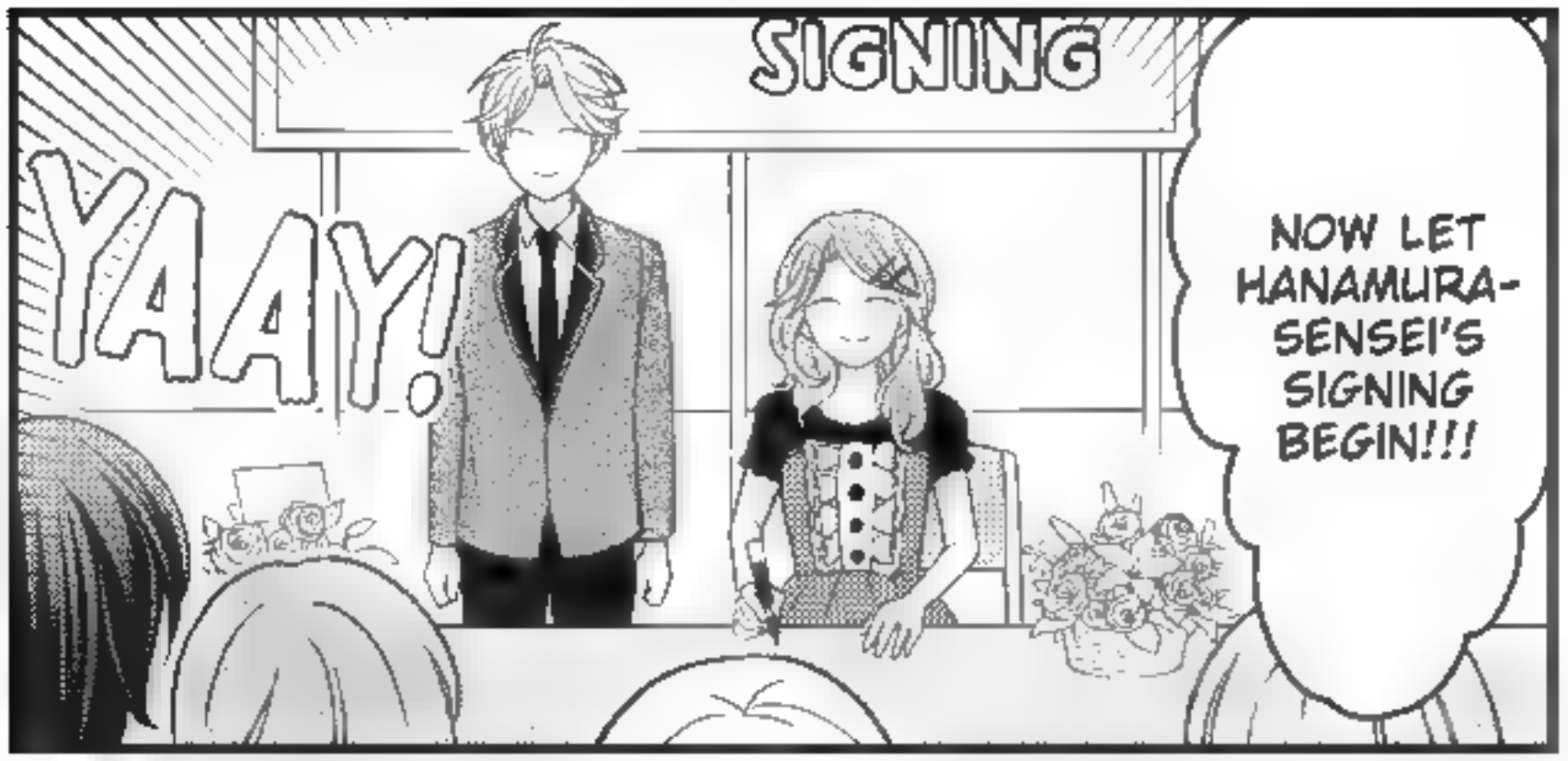
I HAD TO TURN DOWN SEVENTEEN PEOPLE ♡ JUST THIS YEAR.

HANA-MURA-SAN'S EDITOR IS MAENO ...
WILL THIS BE ALL RIGHT...?
SOMETIMES, ANOTHER EDITOR WILL GO WITH A MANGA-KA TO A SIGNING TO HELP OUT.

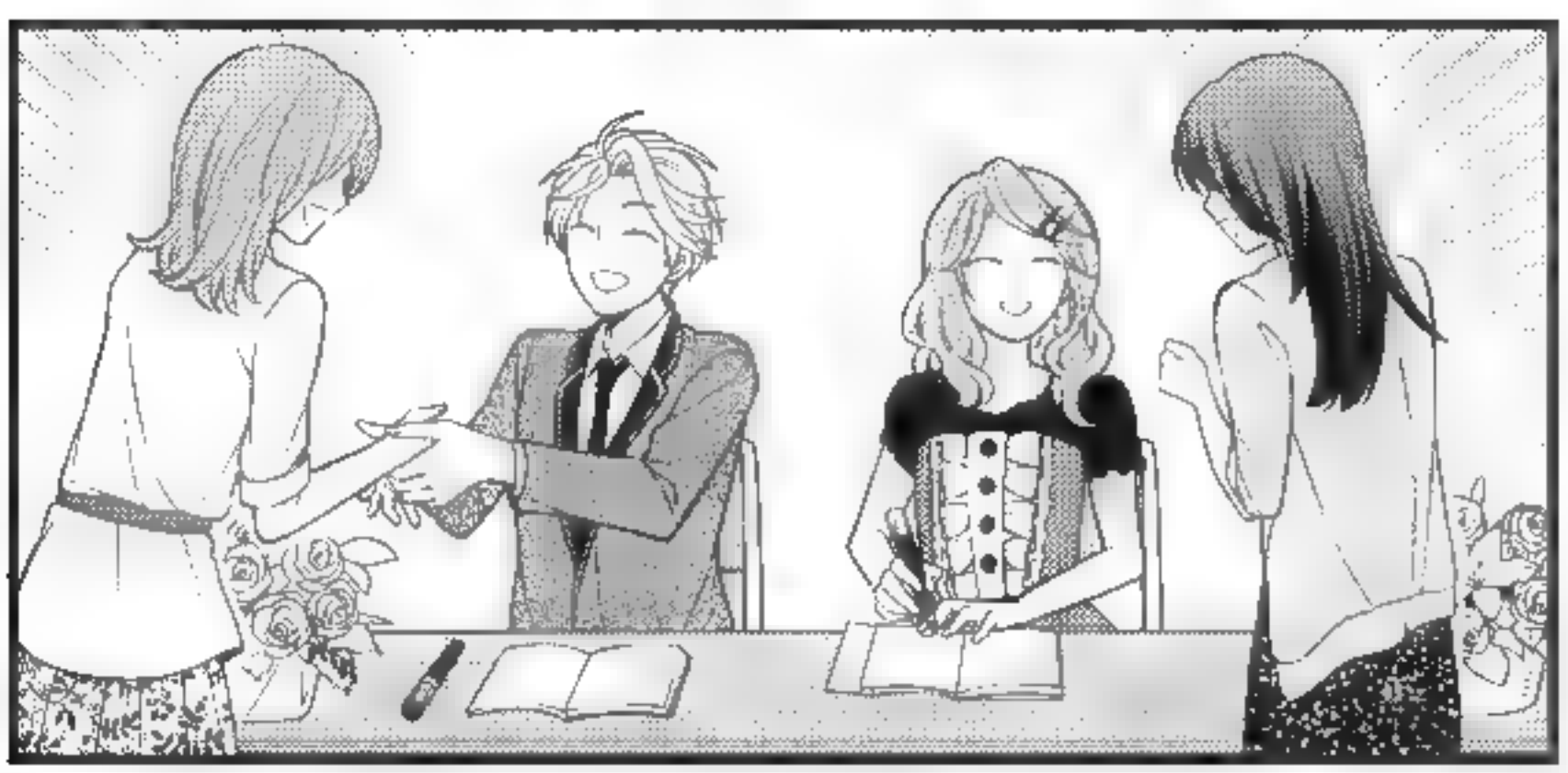
SHE SEEMS PRETTY GENTLE ...
I'M COMING UP WITH IDEAS FOR THAT...
NIKO (SMILE)
NIKO
NO.
I'M GONNA MAKE A REPORT AFTER THE EVENT.
HANA-MURA-SAN. ARE YOU PRAC-TICING YOUR SIGNA-TURE?

SHE'S ABSO-LUTELY LIVID!!!
MAENO'S NOT HERE...!!!
HEY! WHAT WAS THAT CALL LAST NIGHT FOR ANYWAY, YOU JERK!!?
THE DAY OF THE EVENT
DON'T OVER-SLEEP, OKAY!? ☆
MAENO-SAN AND ME (13) THE SIGNING
THIS IS WHAT I HAVE SO FAR.

HER TRUE STORIES ARE PRETTY EXTREME.
OH NO! HE'S A TOTAL ANGEL!!
HANA-MURA-DO SAN. YOU WANT SOME-THING TO EAT?
M-SAN CAME WITH ME THIS TIME.
I HAVE COFFEE TOO. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
MUST BE ROUGH TO GET HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
OH! CAN I PUT YOU IN IT TOO?


SIGNING
YAAY!
NOW LET HANAMURA-SENSEI'S SIGNING BEGIN!!!

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH TOO!!?
WHA —?
THE "MAENO-SAN AND ME" SERIES!!
OH? THANKS!!
I LOVE READING THE AFTER-WORDS !!!
OH, IT'S MAENO-SAN!!!



DAMMIT!!!
DAN (THUD)
I went to a signing for both Maeno-san & Hanamura-sensei!!
前野♡
MAENO

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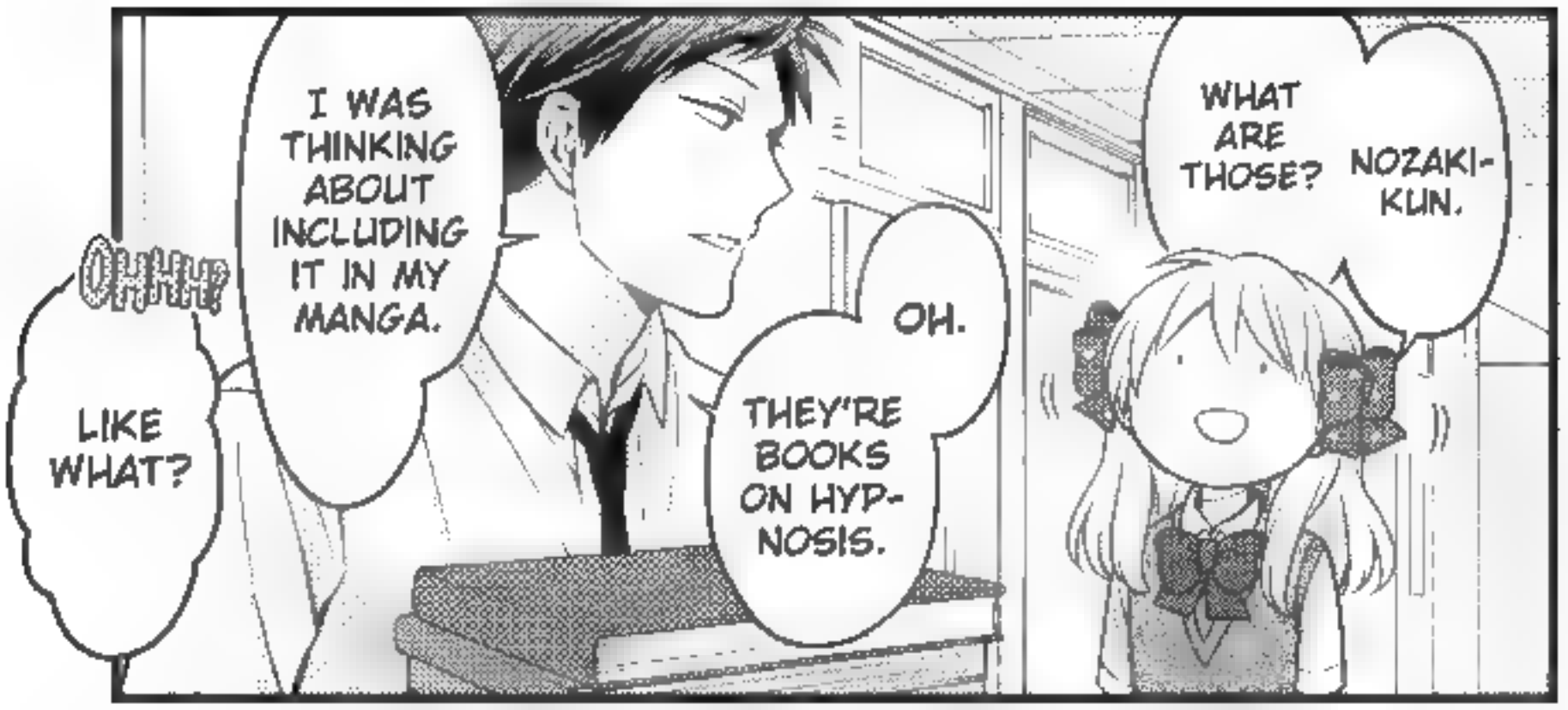
WHAT ARE THOSE?
NOZAKI-KUN.
OH.
THEY'RE BOOKS ON HYP-NOSIS.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT INCLUDING IT IN MY MANGA.
OHHH?
LIKE WHAT?

A STORY ABOUT WHETHER YOU CAN REALLY MAKE THE PERSON YOU LIKE FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU...
...BY HYPNOTIZING THEM.
MAKE ME YOUR GIRL-FRIEND!
OKAY.
WHOA!
THAT SOUNDS FUN!
.....
.....

I THINK I'LL READ UP ON THIS TOO.
THAT'S A HUGE HELP, SAKURA.
YEAH, YEAH.
IT'S ALL FOR YOUR MANGA.

YOU'RE GETTING SLEEPY.
VERY, VERY SLEEPY.
COME ON. IT'S FOR YOUR MANGA.
SO HURRY UP AND FALL ASLEEP.
COME ON!

WANT TO TRY IT ON ME, THEN!!?
OHHH !?
ARE YOU SURE?
THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD FIT FOR ME...
"YOU SHOULD SPEAK CALMLY IN A LOW VOICE"...
...WHAT IF HE SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THAT !!?
KYAAA!
... FALLING FOR ME.
YOU'RE ...
I WONDER WHAT SORT OF ORDERS HE'LL GIVE ME...
YOU'RE GETTING ...
...VERY, VERY HUN-GRYYY.
YOU'RE GETTING HUNGRY.
I WON'T FALL FOR THIS ...!!!
GUGUU (RUUUMBLE)
UGH ...
YOUR STOMACH IS STARTING TO GRUMBLE.

KASHIMA-KUN!!
WHATCHA DOING, CHIYO-CHAN?
HYOKO (POP)
YOU-HAVE A STOMACH-ACHE?
HONEST ... SHE'S HONEST ...?
RIGHT!!?
THIS WILL DEFINITELY BE EASIER TO DO ON SOMEONE WHO'S A LITTLE MORE HONEST!!
SHE'S GETTING COMPETI-TIVE...
THEN I WON'T LOSE !!!
I'M WAY MORE HONEST THAN YOU, NOZAKI!!!!
ZUI CLEAN?
HUH? WHAT !?
IS THIS AN HON-EST KOU-HAI CON-TEST !?
YOU'RE AN AWFUL KOUHAI ...
I FELT LIKE HORI-SENPAI WAS GONNA GET MAD, SO I HONESTLY RAN AWAY!!!
I WANTED TO EAT SOME ICE CREAM TODAY, SO I HONESTLY SKIPPED REHEARSAL.

MUTUAL TRU

GOT IT.

ROG-ER!!!

I TRUST YOU!

TO MAKE THE HYPNOSIS MORE SUCCESSFUL, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE SUBJECT TO TRUST THE HYPNOTIST ...

DO IT ON ME!

OHHH, HYPNO-SIS?

THAT SOUNDS FUN.

IT'S A TOTAL SUCCESS!!!

SHE'S ASLEEP !!!

WOW!!! NOZAKI-KUN!!!

GUUU (ZZZ)

SO VERY SLEEPY.

YOU'RE GETTING SLEEPY.

HE DOESN'T TRUST HER...!!!

SHE MIGHT JUST BE PRETEND-ING TO SLEEP.

...NO...

JUST STOP!!!!

YOU'RE GONNA WAKE HER UP!!!

NO-ZAKI-KUN!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D GET HYPNOTIZED, IS THERE!?

I CAN TELL YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME!!

BATA

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BATA (RUSH)

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ZUTA (GRKK)

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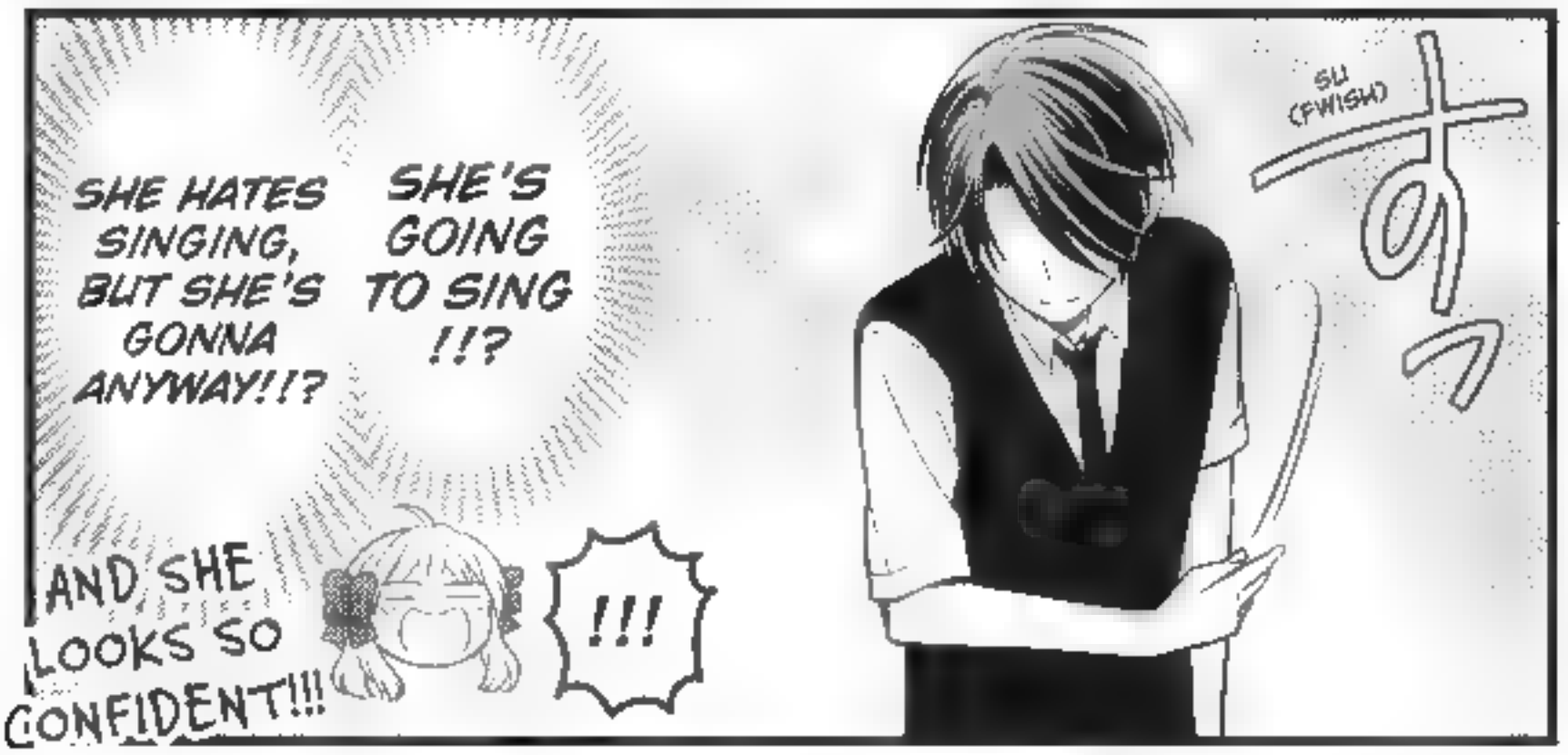
YOU'RE AWAKE, AREN'T YOU, KA-SHIMA !!?

YOU'RE VERY GOOD AT SINGING.
YOU'RE GOOD AT SINGING.
SHE WOULD HATE THAT IF SHE WAS AWAKE.
I KNOW. SHE'S TONE-DEAF, SO LET'S HAVE HER SING SOME-THING.


SHE HATES SINGING, BUT SHE'S GONNA ANYWAY!!?
SHE'S GOING TO SING !!?
AND SHE LOOKS SO CONFIDENT!!!
!!!
SU (FWISH)

I'M SURE WE'RE ABOUT TO HEAR HER TRUE SINGING VOICE...
YEAH ...
...WAS CONFI-DENCE ...
...MAYBE THE ONLY THING SHE LACKED BEFORE ...

SOME-THING LIKE THAT !!!
"NEXT TIME YOU SEE HORI-SENPAI, HE'LL LOOK LIKE HE'S SHIN-ING."
SOME-THING MORE SHOJO MANGA-ESQUE.
RO-MANTIC ...?
LET'S HAVE HER STOP SINGING, AND TELL HER TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE ROMANTIC !!!
WHY IS HE ACTUALLY GIVING OFF LIGHT!!?
HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE BLINDING!!!
IT'S SO... ...DARK IN HERE ...
SEN-PAI... ...DO YOU HAVE A MIN-UTE?
YOU'RE BLIND-ING ...
SEN-PAI...
LIKE THIS ...?
...HORI-SENPAI LOOKS LIKE HE'S SHINING ...
LATE-LY...

"NEXT TIME YOU SEE HORI-SENPAI, YOUR HEART WILL START POUNDING" !!!
TH-THEN LET'S DO SOMETHING MORE STRAIGHT-FORWARD !!!
REALLY HARD.
IT'S JUST KINDA HARD FOR ME TO MAKE KASHIMA THE HEROINE...

NOZAKI-KUN, YOU'RE MAKING HER A PERVERT !!!
DOKI (BADUM)
KYAAA!
KASHI-MAA!!!
MY HEART'S POUNDING ...
NO ...
HAAH! HAAH!
MY HEART ...
LATE-LY... ... SEN-PAI... ... MAKES MY HEART POUND ...

GIVEN WHAT I JUST SAW, YOU REALLY CAN'T DO THIS !!!
NOOOO !!!
NEXT TIME YOU SEE HORI-SEN-PAI...
WELL, LET'S TRY SET-TING A SUG-GES-TION.

WAAA'AH! I TOTALLY GET IT!!!
THIS ...
...IS JUST WRONG ...
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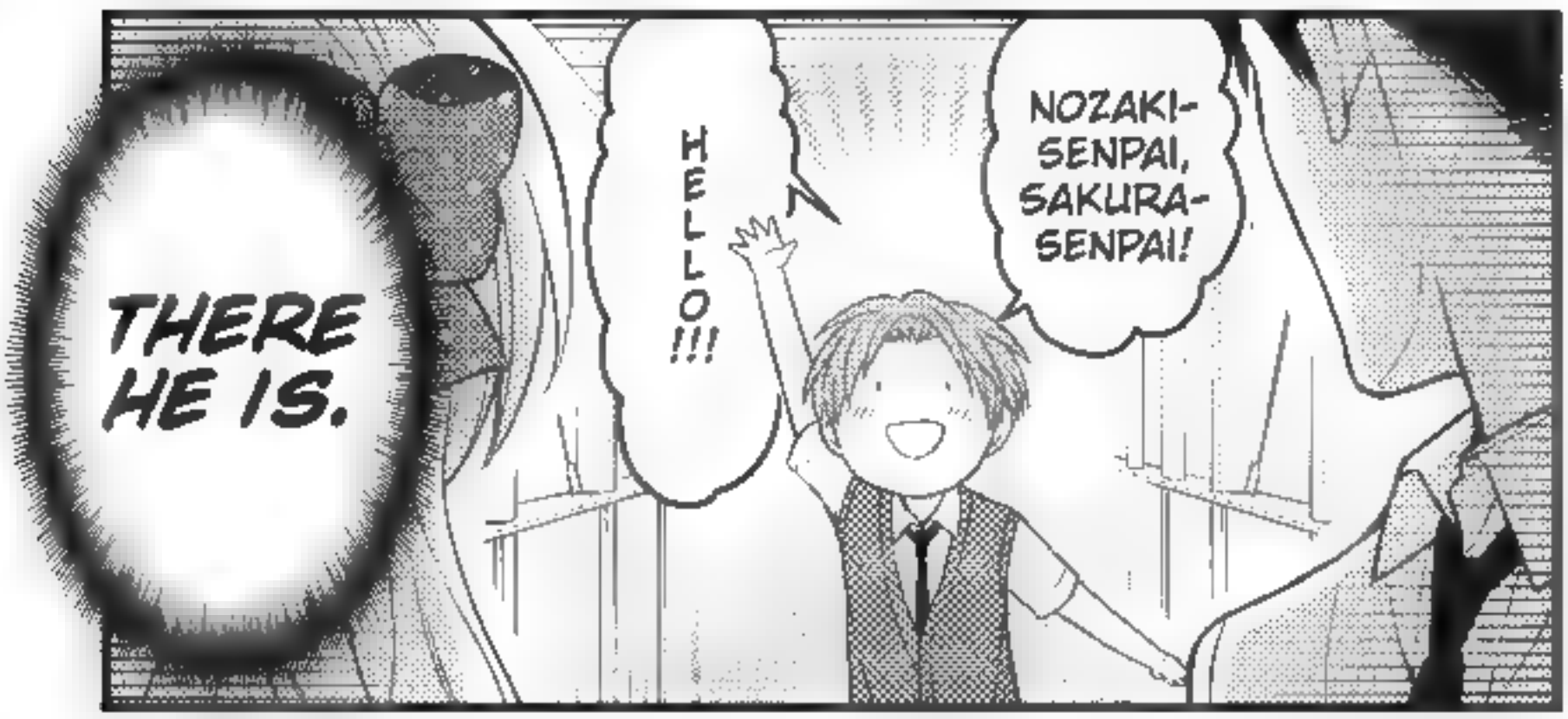
THAT'S THE SORT OF THING YOU'D SAY ON PAGE TWENTY-ONE OF A THIRTY-PAGE ONE-SHOT.
OH. THAT'S GOOD.
MANIP-ULATING PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS WITH HYPNOSIS IS JUST WRONG !!!

OH! YOU'RE GONNA MAKE SURE SHE'S OKAY!!
YOU'RE SO NICE, NOZAKI-KUN!!!
I JUST HAVE ONE MORE THING TO DO.
NOZAKI-KUN!!!
JUST KIDDING. CALM DOWN. I'M GOING TO STOP.

HE'S DESTROY-ING THE EVIDENCE.
YOU'RE GONNA FORGET EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED.

SPEED HYPNOSIS



WUH .....

SNAP OUT OF IT, WAKA-MATSU-KUN!!! ANSWER ME!!!

HE'S MOVING REALLY WEIRDLY !!!

EEEK!

YURA (SWAY) ゆら

WUH .....

WUH .....

YURA ゆら

HOW TO HYPNOTIZE SOMEONE

!!?

WOOF!

HOW TO Hypnotize someone

...SELF-HYPNO-SIS!!?

THEN ...

... COULD THIS BE...

WOOF!

HOW TO MAKE YOU BE A DOG

HE WAS LOOKING AT HOW TO MAKE SOMEONE A DOG!!!

OH, THIS IS ABOUT DOGS !!!

DON'T RUN FROM THIS, NOZAKI-KUN!!!

GET A GRIP!!!

...WILL FORGET OKAZAKI-KUN...

YOU ...

DISAP-PEAR FROM MY LIFE...

FOR-GET HIM.

FOR-GET HIM.

FOR-GET HIM.

...ANY-MORE...

I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS PAIN...

IT MUST BE SOME-THING LIKE THIS !!!

WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
HE REALLY IS A DOG!!!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO!!!?
HE JUST RAN OFF SOME-WHERE!!!
WAAAAH!

WHOA!
HE BROUGHT A BALL BACK!!!
HE'S A DOG!!
DAA (DASH)

WHOA!
HE'S BEGGING FOR YOU TO THROW IT!!!
HE'S A DOG!!!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
KORO (ROLL)
KORO

PASS!!
I'M JOGGING!
SENPAI, DO YOU WANNA SHOOT SOME HOOPS?
WE CAN JUST PASS THE BALL!
HUH...? THIS DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT DIFFERENT FROM HOW HE USUALLY IS...

WAKA-MATSU-KUN'S IN TROUBLE !!!
YUZUKI !!!
WAKA?
IT'S CLUB TIME NOW.
WHAT'S GOT YOU ALL WORKED UP, CHIYO?
HE MIGHT EVEN TRY TO BITE HER...!!!
HE'S A WILD DOG RIGHT NOW ...!!!
OH NO !!!
BARK! BARK! BARK!
...LOOKS LIKE A HEART-WARMING TRUST-BUILDING SCENE !!!
THERE'S NOTHING SCARY.
THAT ...
BAR—!
SU (GSK)
THERE'S NOTHIN' SCARY.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, YUZUKI !!!
NO !!!
WHINE! WHINE!
GIRI (SQUEEZE)
YOU'RE NOT SCARY AT ALL!
YOU LOOKIN' DOWN ON ME?
WERE YOU TRYIN' TO THREATEN ME JUST NOW?

KASHIMA-KUN CAME BACK ON HER OWN!
ISN'T THAT GREAT!?
OH, HORI-CHAN! IT'S KASHIMA-KUN!!!
MEAN-WHILE, AT THE DRAMA CLUB

THE OTHER DAY, SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO THE BATHROOM AND THEN NEVER CAME BACK.
THEN I SAW HER OUTSIDE PLAYING SOCCER.
WHA—!?
YOU FOR REAL?
LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, AND YOU LOSE.
SHE'S DEFI-NITELY UP TO SOME-THING.
NO WAY... THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN.
大道具用

BOX: SCENERY

OH.
UMM...
HEY, KASHIMA!
WELL—
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA BE SUR-PRISED BY ANYTHING SHE SAYS NOW...

HORI-CHAN !!!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
AHH!
ARE YOU A NEW CLUB MEMBER?
ZURU (SLIP)
GASHAN (CRASH)
GO (THUD)

NEXT TIME YOU SEE HORI-SENPAI...

YOU'RE GONNA FORGET EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED.

BY THE WAY, THIS IS THE SUGGESTION KASHIMA'S UNDER!!!

WHINE

WHINE

AND HERE'S THE REST.

A NEWLY DISCOVERED SEXUAL PREFERENCE

SINCE SHE'S LIKE THIS ANYWAY, LET'S HAVE HER DO SOMETHING SHE'D NEVER DO NORMALLY!

I WILL DO ANYTHING.

KYA

KYA (CHATTER)

HORI-SAMA.

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?

SOME-THING SHE WOULDN'T DO...

YOU'RE JUST SO SMALL, BOTH IN HEIGHT AND IN PRESENCE, SO I DIDN'T SEE YOU.

SORRY 'BOUT THAT!

YOU'RE THERE...

OHHH?

...HORI-SEN-PAI?

.....

OHHHH!!!

...DID YOU SECRETLY WANT KASHIMA-KUN TO MOCK YOU...?

HORI-CHAN...

I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS BEFORE!!!

SHE'S COM-PLETELY LOOKING DOWN ON ME ...!!!

HORI-CHAN'S TASTES ARE GETTING WEIRDER AND WEIRDER ...!!!

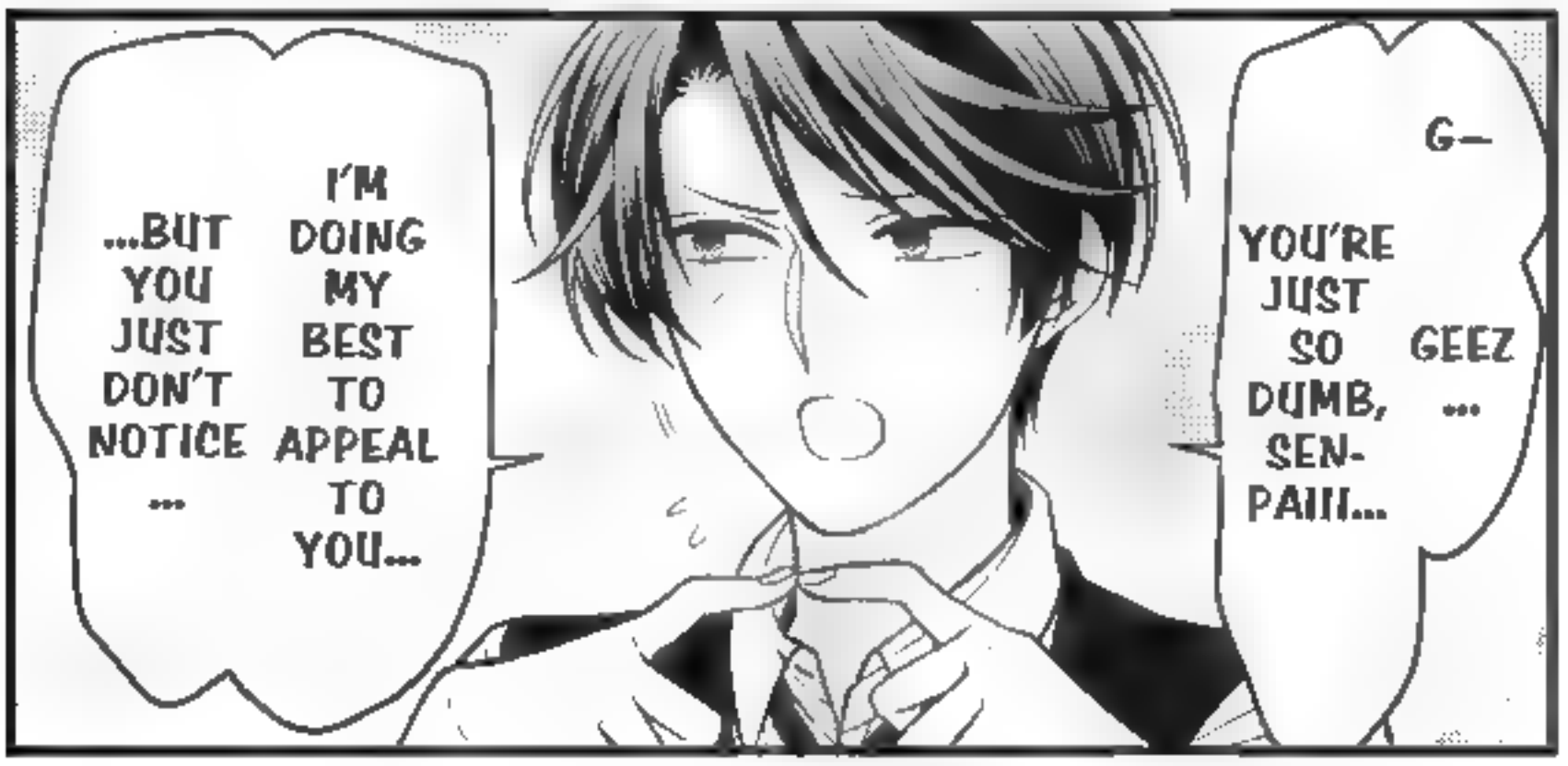
THIS IS BAD ...!!!

NO ...

ACTUALLY, I REALLY WANNA SEE HER IN UTTER DESPAIR...

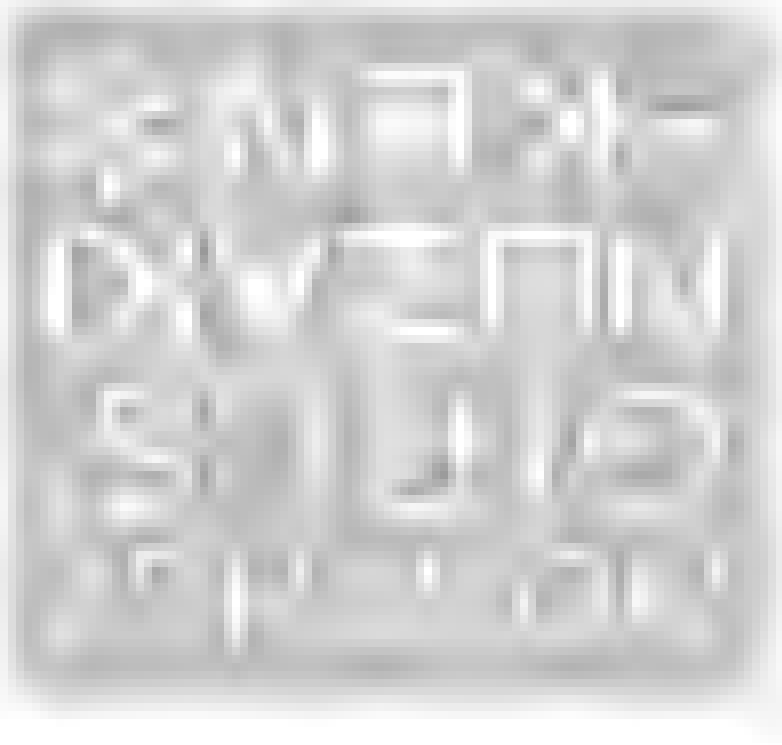
IT'S SO EXCITING.

SOME-THING CUTER ...?
?
WHY NOT HAVE HER SAY SOMETHING CUTER INSTEAD !?
COME ON!!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING HER SAY NASTY THINGS !!?


...BUT YOU JUST DON'T NOTICE ...
I'M DOING MY BEST TO APPEAL TO YOU...
G— GEEZ ...
YOU'RE JUST SO DUMB, SEN-PAIII...

KA-SHIMA ...
I ACTU-ALLY ...
...LIKE YOU WAY MORE THAN ALL OF THOSE GIRLS!
TEE HEE HEE!
THE WHOLE REASON I KEEP GIRLS AROUND ME IS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS!

★THE WRONG INTERPRETATION —!!!
YOU WOULD NEVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...!



OH, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE IDEAL WAY TO CONFESS, THEN?
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU.
I THINK I'D RATHER DO SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE INVOLVED ...
A NATURAL WAY...
...TO CONFESS ...

This book is really interesting.
Next is the café.
AND FROM THERE ...
...IT'D CONTINUE IN A SORT OF RELAY SYSTEM.
Next is in the gym locker.
Dessert Menu
I recommend the pancakes.
Next is your locker.
From Nozaki
I'm hidden in a book in the library. Find me.
...I'D START BY PUTTING A LETTER IN HER DESK.
HMM, LET'S SEE ...

I SEE.
AH HA HA.
...ANYONE WOULD FALL FOR YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.
IF YOU DO THAT MUCH ...
I LOVE YOU.
IT'S PERFECT.
UNTIL FINALLY, I'M THERE WITH FLOWERS IN HAND!

...ALREADY LIKES YOU TO BEGIN WITH.
... PROBABLY...
IT'S REALLY EXTRA.
ANYONE WHO WOULD GO ALONG WITH THAT...

DON'T EAT FLOWERS UNLESS THEY'RE EDIBLE.

MONTHLY GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN 11

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"HORI"?

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE.

KA-SHIMAAA ...!!

NO WAY...

She forgot!! What in the world is going on!?

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KA-SHIMA-KUN, IS THAT TRUE!!?
WHAT THE —!!?
GUH !!?
... FORGOT WHO HORI-CHAN IS!!!
THIS IS BAD!!!
KA-SHIMA-KUN...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW...
UMM ...
SORRY ...

REALLY ...
THAT FACE.
KA-SHIMA-KUN...

OR ARE WE ALL SUP-POSED TO PLAY ALONG AND FOOL HORI-KUN!?
IS IT TRUE !?
IT'S TRUE ...
UM ...
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE ACTING OR NOT!!!
WHICH ONE!!?
WHICH ONE!!?

HELLO AND NICE TO MEET YOU

AHHH!
POOR HORI-CHAN ...!!!
WAH!
THIS IS JUST PAINFUL ...!!!
UH... UM... YOU'RE... THE PRESI-DENT?
HORI ... SEN-PAI?

...AND NOW THEY'RE ALL AWKWARD —!!!
WAAAH!
THEY GOT ALONG SO WELL...
CALL ME WHAT-EVER YOU WANT ...
... WHAT-EVER ...
FLIP (FWIP)

...I'LL CALL YOU MASAYAN.
SINCE YOU'RE MASAYUKI.
THEN ...

HER COM-MUNICATION SKILLS ARE JUST PLAIN WEIRD!!!
HUH...? THEY'RE ALL... AWKWARD ...?
I GOT THIS WHEN I WAS SHOPPING THE OTHER DAY.
OH.
WANT TO SHARE IT WITH ME?
IT'S REALLY GOOD!
YAY!
WHEN'S YOUR BIRTH-DAY, MASA-YAN?

KA-
SHIMA...
DID
YOU...
...REALLY
THINK I
WAS THAT
ANNOYING
...?
ANY-
WAY...
..SHE
FORGOT
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
ME AND
JUST
ME...

MASA-
YAN.
WHERE
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO STAND
IN THIS
SCENE?
WAS I
TOO HARSH
ON YOU? DID
I STRESS
YOU OUT
TOO MUCH
...?

URO
(HOVER)
CAN
I USE
THIS
PAINT-
BRUSH
?
MASA-
YAN!
HEY,
HEY!
WANT
SOME
CHOCO-
LATE?
URO.
I
HAVE
CANDY
TOO.
URO
SO YOU
ERASED
YOUR OWN
MEMORIES
TO BE FREE
OF THE
PAIN...?

THEY'RE
SO
CLOSE...
YOU'RE
DISTRACT-
ING ME!
AAARGH!
STOP
HOVERING
AROUND
ME!!!

SEN-PAAA!!
THE USUAL
THERE'S A SORT OF DISTANCE TO HER SMILE.
YEAH.
... WITH KA-SHIMA-KUN.
BUT STILL, SOME-THING'S NOT THE SAME...

IT'S SO CALM. IT'S KINDA WEIRD.
YEAH, YEAH.
SHE DOESN'T USUALLY MAKE THAT SORT OF FACE.
OH, LOOK!

HORI-CHAN MUST BE IN SHOCK...
WHOA! SHE'S REALLY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE !!
NOW SHE'S A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED OVER BEING PRAISED!!

DON'T BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS, HORI-CHAN!!!
THIS IS THE TIME TO ACT SAD!!!
UGH ...
GIRI (GRIND)

...WAIT— IS IT ME, OR ARE HER EYES KIND OF DEAD TODAY...?

HORI-CHAN !!!

DON'T JUST STARE AT HER!!!

JI (STARE)

?

U

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE MORE HURT OVER THIS!?

COME ON!!

WHAT'S WITH YOU? JUST 'COS SHE'S SHOWING YOU UNUSUAL EXPRES-SIONS!!?

HEY, KASHIMA, CAN YOU BLANK OUT YOUR EXPRES-SION?

MAYBE IT'S HARDER TO TELL BECAUSE SHE'S SMILING...

?

ARE... THEY?

UMM ...?

THEY FEEL KINDA COLD 'COS THERE'S NO LIGHT IN THEM. BUT IT'S ALSO COOLER THAN USUAL...

OH... YOU'RE RIGHT.

SU (FWISH)

ま?...

HORI-CHAN, ENOUGH ALREADY !!!

GIRII (GRIND)

!!

UGH ...!

OHHH — THAT'S TOTALLY CONNECTED TO HORI-SENPAI.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I CAN'T REMEMBER TOO MUCH ABOUT ACTING...

HMM.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MISSING MEMO-RIES?

SO ... YOU ONLY FORGOT STUFF ABOUT HORI-SENPAI ?

REALLY?

WELL, SHE DID JOIN THE CLUB BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT RECRUITED HER.

YOU CAN BE A HERO!

OHHH —

WHY DID I START ACTING AGAIN?

...I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVEN JOINED THE DRAMA CLUB...

AND ...

WHOOOA!

AND ...

HE WAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT EARLY !?

HUH !?

SINCE THEN !?

.....

?

ACTUALLY, WHY DID I ENROLL [redacted] THIS SCHOOL IN THE FIRST PLACE?

...HM?

THAT EARLY !?

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM BEFORE I WAS BORN UNTIL I WAS ABOUT TWO...!!

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HORI.

IS THAT SORT OF THING TRULY POSSIBLE !?
ONEE-SAMA, YOU FORGOT HORI-SAMA !?
OH MY!!

...I THINK NOZAKI AND I WERE FOOLING AROUND WITH HYPNOSIS ...
NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...
ANYTHING STRANGE...?
DID ANYTHING STRANGE HAPPEN BEFORE ALL OF THIS HAPPENED?
OH MY!!! WITH YUMENO-SENSEI!?

KA-SHIMA !!!
WHO ARE YOU ...?
THIS ...
I'M SURE THIS WAS THE PLAN ...
I'VE WORKED OUT WHAT YUMENO-SENSEI WAS TRYING TO DO!!!
HYP-NO-SIS... I SEE !!!
DAM-MIT!
NO WAY!
IN THAT CASE ...!!!
GATAN (CLATTER)
AND THEN, THIS ...

THAT'S NOT IT.
And then, this would happen ...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO...
...ASK YOUR BODY...

ONEE-SAMA...

KIII (CREEEAK)

...I BELIEVE YOUR METHODS ARE SLIGHTLY FLAWED...

STILL, YUMENO-SENSEI ...

YOU...

...I WILL REWRITE HER INSTRUCTIONS WITH SOMETHING BETTER.

SU (BREATHE)

す...?

SINCE ONEE-SAMA IS ACTING UNDER SUGGES-TION...

RATHER, YOU WILL BE HIS DOG.

YOU WILL BE HIS SLAVE.

EX-ACTLY.

YES.

...WILL DO AS HORI-SAMA ORDERS.

ARF, ARF!

THIS IS BAD.

I've altered your instructions for the better...♡

Yumeno-sensei...

YAY, MASA-YAN!

WELL...

SHE HASN'T REALLY CHANGED ALL THAT MUCH, SO I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.

IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL LIKE AN ISSUE.

NAH.

I KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG, BUT...

IF KASHIMA-KUN'S STILL ACTING WEIRD TODAY, YOU'RE FINALLY GONNA GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT, RIGHT?

MORN-ING, HORI-CHAN.

THEY MUST HAVE A SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN THEM...

NO MATTER HOW MANY MEMORIES SHE LOSES, THEY STILL GET CLOSE AGAIN RIGHT AWAY...

Y'KNOW, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S PRETTY AMAZING.

SHE GOT EVEN MORE DISTANT !!!

GOOD MORN-ING...

...HORI-SAMA.

OH, BUT HE'S SPECIAL ...

WAIT A MINUTE! THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS SHE TALKING ABOUT!!?

MY NAME IS KASHIMA. I AM HERE TO OBEY YOUR, AND ONLY YOUR, EVERY ORDER.

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SOMETHING'S WRONG JUST FROM LOOKING AT HER!!!
YOU'RE RIGHT ...!!!
HER EYES ARE EVEN DEADER THAN YESTER-DAY!!!
THIS IS BAD, HORI-CHAN !!!
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD, KASHIMA!!?
...BUT THIS IS SERI-OUS!!!
UNTIL NOW, I KINDA THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST MESSING WITH US...
WAAH!
SNAP OUT OF IT, KA-SHIMA!!!
COME ON!
HORI-SAMA.
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS ?
WHAT-DO-WE-DO!!!?
OPEN YOUR EYES!!!
AT THIS RATE, WE WILL BE LATE, ARF.
THIS ISN'T KASHIMA !!!
WAAH!
THEN ...
...LET US HURRY TO SCHOOL.
WAAH!
STOP !!!
SHALL I...
...CARRY YOUR BAG?

HEY, KA-SHIMA. YOU MESSING WITH US...?
?
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
YOU JUST SAID ARF, DIDN'T YOU...?
HUH ...? UHHH ...
THEN MAKE SURE YOU COME TO REHEARS-AL...

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
OH ... O—
I WOULD LOVE TO JOIN YOU.
READING THROUGH THE SCRIPT?
OH ...
WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE THIS?
... OVER WELL THERE ... ...

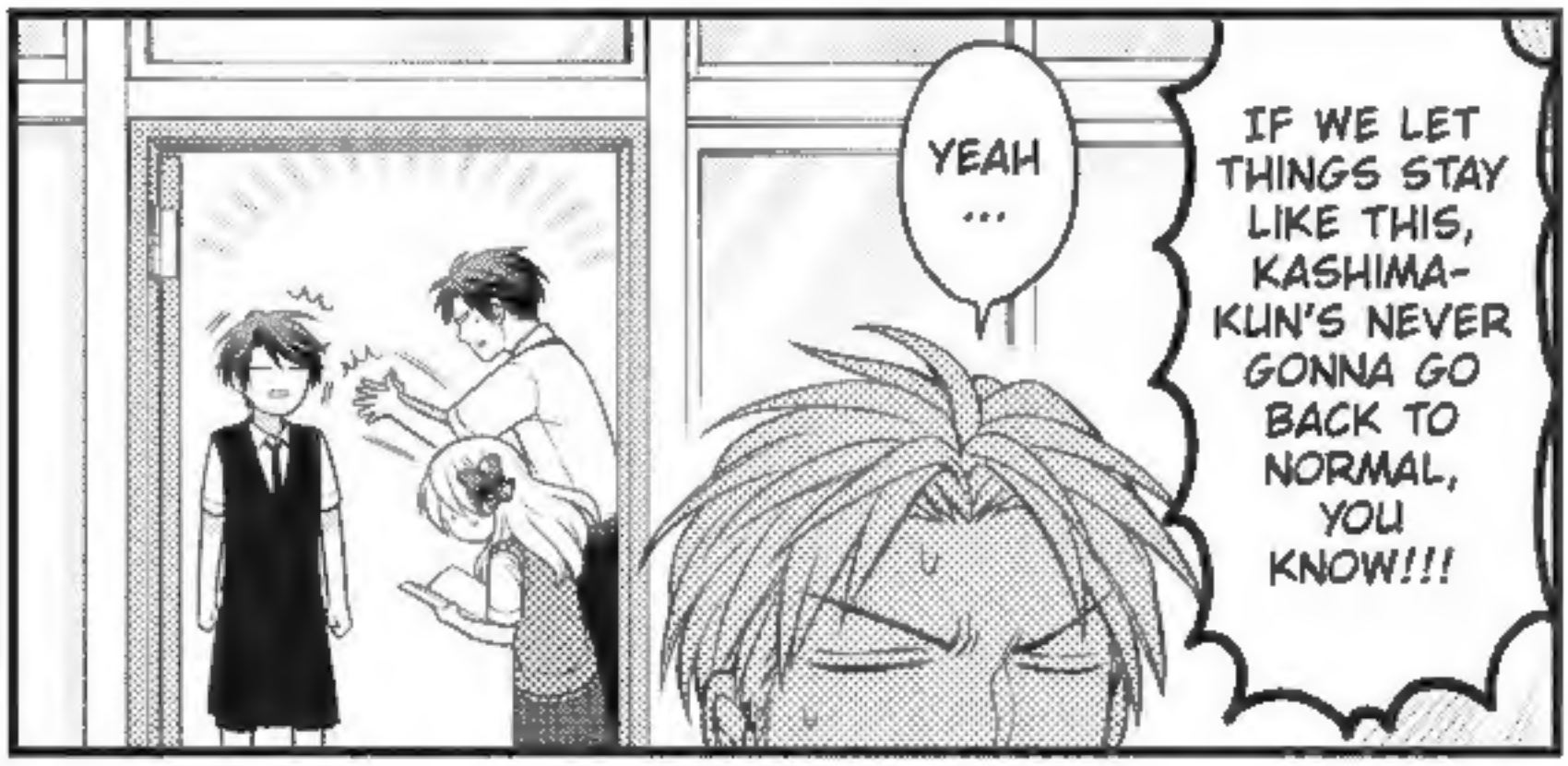
ARE YOU SERI-OUS!?
STOP GETTING USED TO IT SO FAST!!!
KASHIMA-KUN'S ACTING WEIRD!!!

WE SHOULD GO CHECK!!!
SHE MIGHT STILL BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE HYPNO-SIS...!!!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...!!?
WEIRD!?
HUH !?
I HEAR KASHIMA-KUN'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD!!!
MIKORIN INTEL
KASHIMA-KUN... HORI-SENPAI ...!!!
WHO ARE YOU?
KASHIMA!!!
...ARE AWKWARD, LIKE IN A MANGA, AND IT'S OUR FAULT ...!!?
WHAT DO WE DO...? WHAT IF THINGS BETWEEN THEM ...

IT'S TRUE.
.....
AND YOU NEED TO GET A GRIP, KASHIMA-KUN!!!
...YOU KNOW SHE'S ACTING WEIRD!!
EVEN IF YOU DON'T LOOK CLOSELY ...
だす
DASU (STOMP)
DASU
WHY DO YOU KEEP ACCEPT-ING IT!!?
LIKE I SAID!

...SAYING THE KIND OF THING YOU SAY ON PAGE TWENTY-ONE OF A THIRTY-PAGE ONE-SHOT.
HE'S ...
...IS JUST PLAIN WRONG !!!
WAH!
THIS SITUA-TION ...

!!!
SORRY.
YEAH ...
AND YOU HAVE TO TAKE THIS MORE SERIOUSLY, HORI-CHAN!!!


YEAH ...
IF WE LET THINGS STAY LIKE THIS, KASHIMA-KUN'S NEVER GONNA GO BACK TO NORMAL, YOU KNOW!!!

? ?
NO, I DON'T ...
NO ...
OR DO YOU LIKE HER BETTER THIS WAY!?

DID SENPAI BREAK SOME-THING?
HUH ?
LIKE A VASE?
.....
.....
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET HER BACK TO NORMAL, AFTER ALL!!!
AND DON'T GET ALL EMBARRASSED!!
YES ...
YOU NEED TO PAY ATTEN-TION TO ME!!!
SEE? YOU WERE SPACING OUT JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?

I DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY!!!
WHA—!?
HUH!?
BIKU (FLINCH)
GABA (FWOOSH)
KASHIMA!
I'M SORRY!!!

...I LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.
BUT IN THE END... NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE LIKE...
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE STILL YOU.
I MEAN, I PREFER YOU THE WAY YOU USUALLY ARE.

NOW—
LET'S THINK ABOUT WHAT COULD'VE CAUSED THIS...
WHAT'D YOU DO YESTERDAY...?
AHEM...
...ANYWAY...
THAT'S HOW IT IS. SORRY.

HM...?
.....
.....

THE HIDDEN VICTIM

I SHOULD RETURN THESE BOOKS ...

GAKU (SLUMP)

YOU'RE GETTING SLEEPY!

I'LL KEEP IT TO THIS IN THE MANGA.

MAYBE HYPNOSIS WAS A REALLY DANGEROUS TOPIC...

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA USE THEM FOR ...!!?

SA-KURA AND HORI-SENPAI !!?

...HAND OVER THOSE BOOKS?

SU (FWISH)

THEN COULD YOU...

WH—

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SAKURA ...!?

PHYSI-CAL AT-TACKS ARE BAD!!!

SHE'LL DIE!!

SEN-PAI... PHYSI-CAL ...!!!

JIRI (LEAN)

I WANT TO ERASE KASHIMA'S MEMORY...

HE'S STILL NOT BACK TO NORMAL !!?

WOOF, WOOF!

I NEED TO KNOW HOW...

I WANNA LIFT THE SUGGES-TION ON WAKA-MATSU-KUN...